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Gov. Bill Anoatubby, right, and U.S. Rep. Tom Cole flank the Te Ata portrait.

Te Ata portrait unveiled at Oklahoma State Capitol

The likeness of a national and Chickasaw cultural treasure now has a place of honor in the halls of the Oklahoma State Capitol.

A portrait of Te Ata, also known as Mary Frances Thompson Fisher, was unveiled Feb. 8 at the Oklahoma State Capitol by Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby and U.S. Congressman Tom Cole (R-Okla.), a Chickasaw citizen.

Rep. Cole presented the portrait of the Chickasaw storyteller in memory of his late mother, Chickasaw citizen

and Oklahoma state senator Helen Cole. Te Ata was Rep. Cole's great aunt.

Gov. Anoatubby said the ceremony marked a special day, not only for both the State of Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation.

"Te Ata was a cultural icon for Chickasaws and all Native Americans cultures," Gov. Anoatubby said. "During her career, she actually shined a light on Chickasaw culture and on Native American culture throughout the United States and basically throughout the world."

Te Ata means "Bearer of the Dawn."

"She is an Oklahoma treasure and a Chickasaw treasure," said Gov. Anoatubby.

Te Ata achieved national and international acclaim as a storyteller, helping preserve Chickasaw tales as well as other Native stories.

She was recognized by the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 1958, and in 1987, she was named Oklahoma's first Cultural Treasure by Gov. Henry Bellmon and the Oklahoma

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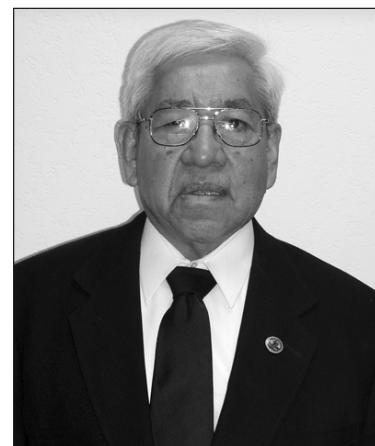
Annual Meeting had its beginnings at Seeley Chapel

Over the past five decades, the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting has matured. It now has become a reflection of the tribe's growth and success.

Originating October 1960, when more than 100 Chickasaws rallied to re-establish a tribal government at Seeley Chapel, our Annual Meeting has always symbolized a time for Chickasaws to come together in fellowship.

President Kennedy's appointment of Governor Overton James in 1963 marked a rebirth in tribal government and is one of the most important milestones in recent tribal history.

Kennedy Brown, who is celebrating his 35th year working



Kennedy Brown

with the Chickasaw Nation, was present that warm day at Seeley Chapel, about 20 miles south of Ada, Okla.

He considers it very memo-

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Arts Council.

Rep. Cole said Te Ata was an inspiration for his late mother, the first Native American woman elected to the Oklahoma State Senate.

"This would probably be the proudest moment of her life, it really would, said Rep. Cole.

"Te Ata was the dominant influence in my mother's life. Te Ata showed mother how challenges could be overcome. You had to work hard, you had to prepare and handle yourself professionally, and if you did, the sky was the limit. Te Ata instilled those things in my mother, and helped keep our Native culture alive."

"Te Ata was really a light in our lives," said Jean Thompson, Te Ata's nephew, who attended the ceremony. "Its good

that other people can recognize her as well.

"She tried to have a real Pan-Indian attitude, so it's appropriate that she'll be honored at Oklahoma's State Capitol, a state where so many tribes are represented."

Oklahoma State Rep. and Chickasaw citizen Lisa Johnson Billy grew up hearing Te Ata's stories from her mother.

"She did so much for us," Rep. Billy said. "She was a strong Chickasaw woman. I am overwhelmed and extremely honored. What a great day to be Chickasaw. I am very grateful."

Te Ata was born in the Chickasaw Nation near Tishomingo in 1895 and died in 1995, just a few days before her 100th birthday.

Retired teacher Carolyn (Hunt) Sparks

got to know her great aunt Te Ata when she visited the family home in Sulphur, Okla.

"She would come to our house about once a year when she needed a break," Mrs. Sparks said. "Once, she wanted to learn to howl like a wolf, but after a while the coyotes started answering back."

Te Ata was respected, Mrs. Sparks said, by elders and leaders of many tribes throughout the world.

"She was a resource of Indian traditions and stories for a lot of tribes not just Chickasaw."

Mrs. Sparks said she thought the painting dedication was special because it honored not only Te Ata, but the artist Nellie Ellen Shepherd.

History of the Portrait

The portrait was actually an existing work, created by Nellie Ellen Shepherd, one of Oklahoma's earliest professional woman artists. In 1917, she was appointed director of the art department at the Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha, now known as the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. Her portrait of Te Ata was created less than one year before her death in 1920.

The unfinished painting was displayed for many years at the Shepherd Manor and after restorative cleaning, will be placed on permanent display on the second floor of the Oklahoma State Capitol building to commemorate the state's first cultural treasure, Chickasaw Storyteller Te Ata.

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Applications, auditions set for Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy

Chickasaw and other Native students are encouraged to apply for the 2010 Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy, the summer camp that provides students the opportunity to work with arts professionals.

The academy is open to Chickasaw students from ages eight to 19. The Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy is hosted on the campus of East Central University in Ada, Okla.

Interested students must submit a Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy application to the tribal Division of Arts and Humanities office by April 5.

Student auditions are scheduled for Saturday, April 17 at the University of Central Oklahoma School of Music, Edmond, Okla., and on Saturday, May 1 at Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center at East Central University.

Deadline for scheduling auditions at UCO is Wednesday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 28 is the last day to schedule an audition at ECU.

While Chickasaw students have priority, other Native American and non-Native students are encouraged to audition.

Students are required to attend an audition to be eligible for acceptance into the academy. The auditions help coordinators assess the individual ability of each student for better placement within the academy.

During the academy, a dozen specialized instructors provide detailed and culturally sensitive guidance in several disciplines including music composition, literary arts, visual arts, video production, vocal music, dance and drama.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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CSAA dates to remember

April 5-Application Deadline

April 14-Audition scheduling deadline, UCO

April 17-Edmond auditions

April 28-Audition scheduling deadline, ECU

May 1-Ada auditions

13th Annual Chikashsha Reunion June 4-5 at Kullihoma

The 13th Annual Chikashsha Reunion is set for June 4-5 at Kullihoma Stomp Ground. The Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture is planning for a great reunion. Chickasaws and guests from across the country will celebrate Chickasaw culture and tradition.

Several activities are set for both days. Activities for Friday, June 4, from 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., include cultural demonstrations, a children's tent and a social dance.

Traditional reunion activities will resume Saturday, June 5 beginning at 10 a.m. and will continue through midnight. Saturday activities include a youth fishing derby, cornstalk shooting contest, youth and

adult archery competitions, blow gun competition, squirrel stick throw, loksi races and stickball games. The night will end with a stomp dance.

Overnight camping spaces are available, including tent spaces and a limited number of RV hook ups.

To reach the site, travel to the Kullihoma sign seven miles east of Ada on State Highway 1. Turn right at the Kullihoma sign, then travel three miles east and one mile south.

Several volunteers are needed to help with various activities.

For information, or to volunteer, call Terry Haney (580) 332-8685.

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Let's stick with our fundamentals - help people first

As Americans, we are confronted each day with a torrent of messages.

In this modern era, information travels very quickly, and there is plenty of it. At the apex of topics are stories, articles and discussions about the direction of our country. It is important to keep national issues in perspective as our country experiences changes and we develop new ways of doing things.

It is certainly a time of change – and sometimes of upheaval – in the United States. It's important, at this moment in our history, to have faith in our U.S. Constitution and our shared history of overcoming national challenges. If we abide by the rule of law, and if we enter into debate with a sincere desire to do what is best for the country, history tells us the country will survive and become stronger.

As Chickasaws, we are blessed to be citizens of the U.S., and of the Chickasaw Nation. We understand that our country and our tribe share many similar virtues.

As proud Chickasaw citizens, we are committed to



**GOV. BILL
ANOATUBBY**

Governor,
the Chickasaw
Nation

helping our tribe succeed. We have a strong history we draw upon when we face issues together.

Just like the U.S., when this country was a fledgling nation, the Chickasaw Nation has survived many challenges. For both the country and tribe, there have been many years when money was scarce and people had to be innovative and resourceful. In order to provide for their families, their communities and their tribe, Chickasaws have worked together, produced ideas, and come up with solutions that have made for positive results.

Today, our tribe has matured and things have become much better for our people.

Over the past two decades we have together built a core of commercial enterprises. These endeavors have met with substantial successes, and the result has been an inflow of funding that has exponentially expanded the programs and services now available

to Chickasaws. We have achieved a high level of self-sufficiency, and that has paid off for Chickasaws in

so many ways.

We continue to be financially conservative, and committed to those elements so important to the Chickasaw people – health care, education, housing, culture, elder and youth services, nutrition and more.

We have met with commercial success, and we continually review future projects to maintain and enhance our results. We are judicious with the income we receive, and we strive to maintain healthy and robust financial performance.

We never forget the real test is the result we produce for the people we serve. All the funding in the world is useless without a product at the end that helps people.

A home for a Chickasaw family, a college education for a Chickasaw student, a healthy and dignified life for a Chickasaw elder, nutritious food for a Chickasaw mother and child, a place to honor our heritage – these are the results that truly count.

We will always face challenges, both in our country and in our tribe. If we remember the foundations of the U.S., and of the Chickasaw Nation, and what each stands for, we can move forward with confidence, knowing we are doing the right thing for our people.

Leadership students study media; learn importance of good writing



Leadership Chickasaw members Marlee Erwin, left, and Kimberly Ross interview each other during a Writer's Workshop conducted for the group Saturday, Feb. 13.



Leadership Chickasaw member Paige Wilson, of Glenpool, Okla., said the program had opened her eyes to a wide variety of careers. Her future plans are to be a special education teacher.



Leadership Chickasaw members Kimberly Ross and Micah Hart take a turn at KCNP's microphone.

Members of the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Leadership Chickasaw) program toured a tribal radio station, a community newspaper and learned about song composition during the group's monthly session Saturday, Feb. 13, in Ada, Okla.

During a tour of KCNP, the Chickasaw Nation's public affairs radio, members of the youth leadership group had an opportunity to record the station's call letters and get a first-hand look at the station's equipment from station manager Brain Brashier.

The day also included a tour of the Ada Evening News, conducted by publisher Lone Beasley.

Beasley explained the process of composing, printing and distributing a newspaper during the tour.

Dana Lance, tribal Media Relations Specialist, also shared writing tips prior to giving the group assignments to interview one another and compose short articles.

Throughout the day, the importance of writing, regardless of your profession, was

stressed.

Leadership member Paige Wilson, who travels from Glenpool, Okla., each month to attend the session, said the program opened her eyes to a few things.

"It made me realize there are a lot of job opportunities out there when I choose a career," she said.

To close the day, award-winning Cowboy and Western songwriter Gary Pratt led the class in creating a song entitled "Bad Love," to illustrate the process of composing.

"It was fun and the kids got a kick out of it," Mr. Pratt said. "It was interesting to see how attentive some of them were."

A tour of the University of Oklahoma, a Sooner basketball

game and a trip to the Sam Noble Museum is planned for the group's "College Day" March meeting.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

About the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program...

The Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program equips students with the tools, skill and knowledge to become tomorrow's tribal leaders, and also stresses the importance of community service.

The group meets one Saturday a month for 12 months and studies a variety of topics. Lunch is provided.

For more information about the Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi program, contact Ashlee White, youth leadership coordinator at (580) 310-6620.

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rable and spiritual.

"That was a big celebration day," said Mr. Brown.

Since that time, the location and length of the gathering have changed, but the mission has remained the same: to provide citizens vital information about the tribe's programs and services.

"At that time, there was not a home base to get information," Mr. Brown said. "People would come to the meetings to get information."

"Annual Meeting is a time for tribal members to get together and have fellowship and be updated on what the tribe is doing. It is a big day everyone looks forward to."

The State of the Nation address was presented by Gov. James and, at those early meetings, reports were given by several Bureau of Indian Affairs officials.

Mr. Brown said he missed a number of meetings while serving in the Oklahoma National Guard.

About this time, the Annual Meeting saw a surge of attendance as more people became interested in the Chickasaw Nation and tribal elections became a reality.

"It was exciting to see the Governor's race take place," Mr. Brown said. "Gov. James was one of the advocates of letting the people elect their own governor."

Meetings were also conducted at Byng High School for a number of years, and Mr. Brown served as emcee a few times.

"We would conduct everything that one day, including the selection of the princesses," he said.

He was also one of the directors of tribal programs who presented information so tribal citizens could be aware of the type of assistance available.

"We were able to come to the meetings and set up displays," he said. "It was kind of a show-and-tell of what the Nation was doing."

"By this time, the tribal government was established by election process, which ignited an interest. People could meet with their representatives at Annual Meeting."

As the tribe prospered and more people flocked to the one-day meeting, more room was needed to accommodate everyone.

When Annual Meeting moved to Tishomingo, Okla., in the 1990s, the

"Annual Meeting is a time for tribal members to get together and have fellowship and be updated on what the tribe is doing."

Kennedy Brown

State of the Nation address was first conducted under a big tent on the newly-acquired Chickasaw Nation Capitol grounds.

Other events were implemented such as the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame, the Princess Pageant, Junior Olympics and sports activities, including horse-shoe and softball tournaments.

Today, the State of the Nation address is conducted in Fletcher Auditorium at Murray State College in Tishomingo, and tribal division administrators have an opportunity to present reports.

Tishomingo's Chickasaw Festival was merged with the Annual Meeting activities in 1988 and the week-long celebra-

tion gives talented Chickasaw artisans a chance to display their wares.

"We have some very talented artists," said Mr. Brown.

As the tribe grows and expands, Mr. Brown foresees the Annual Meeting growing, too.

"Annual Meeting has always generated an interest in our people and will get bigger and bigger, even more so with the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center opening," he said.

Regardless of the location, the fellowship among tribal citizens has remained constant.

Lunch is still served to citizens following the State of the Nation address. Today, more modern fare is presented along with the traditional Chickasaw dish pashofa.

"We always had pashofa and all the trimmings," Mr. Brown said.

For more information about the 50th Annual Meeting and 22nd Annual Festival contact Kelsey Upton at (800) 593-3356 or (580) 371-2040.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

Your photos, mementos will help make the 2010 Annual Meeting memorable!

The 50th celebration of the Chickasaw Annual Meeting is set for October 2, 2010. Many exciting activities and events are planned to remember 50 years of annual meetings as well as historical Chickasaw events and important milestones that have occurred from 1960 to present day.

As a special 2010 Annual Meeting project, the tribal Division of Communications, Media and Community Development is gathering photos and memorabilia to support this great event.

You can help make this project great by sharing your annual meeting items and memories with our staff. Photos and memorabilia may be submitted by mailing your items to:

**Annual Meeting Project
c/o Chickasaw Nation
900 North Mississippi Ave.
Ada, OK 74820**

Examples include photos from past annual meetings, invitations, flyers, posters, newspaper clippings or other historical documents that will make the 50th celebration a memorable occasion.

With all submissions, please include a name, return mailing address and phone number. A description of any items or



Overton James is sworn in as Governor of the Chickasaw Nation at Seeley Chapel October 26, 1963. Area director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Virgil Harrington administers the oath. Behind Gov. James, from left, is his mother Vinnie May Humes, her husband Rev. Jess Humes and Governor James' wife, Evelyn.

photos (including dates, locations, photos identifications or other supporting information) is greatly appreciated.

For more information, contact the Division of Communications, Media and Community Development at annualmeetingproject@chickasaw.net.

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About Kennedy Brown

Since 1974 when he was hired as one of three Chickasaw Nation employees, Mr. Brown has served in a number of roles, including a stint as lieutenant governor during Gov. Bill Anoatubby's first term from 1987 to 1991.

Since then, he has worked as special assistant to the Governor, contributing his skills to a wide variety of projects.

Mr. Brown was a member of the Chickasaw cultural committee, forerunner of the Chickasaw Historical Society, and also served as one of the first board members of the society. He is also on the board of trustees of the Chickasaw Foundation, where he is a past president.

In his 30 years with the tribe, Mr. Brown has also wit-

nessed major strides in health care, education, economic development, cultural awareness and other areas.

"The tribe has so many opportunities for our people that we never thought of back then," said Mr. Brown.

He gives much of the credit for the success the tribe has enjoyed to the vision of its leaders, Gov. Anoatubby and Gov. James.

Looking to the future, Mr. Brown has great confidence the tribe will continue to progress.

"I think the Nation can accomplish whatever it wants to accomplish," he said. "We've got the resources, we've got the technology, we have the vision to continue to accomplish great things."



The Chickasaw Motor Inn in Sulphur, Okla., was purchased by the tribe in September 1972. This location housed tribal offices until the headquarters building opened in 1977.

Southeastern focus, traditional touch set Wheeler's work apart

Chickasaw artist weaves culture into her work



Margaret Roach Wheeler

Margaret Roach Wheeler is the best kind of teacher – a teacher with an unquenchable desire to learn.

Ms. Wheeler weaves Southeastern Native American history and culture into her art work. She creates beautiful clothing and costumes that incorporate her extensive knowledge of American Indian history and culture. And she teaches others to do the same.

Because of her knowledge and unique style she is in high demand as a teacher in the U.S., and in Europe. She recently began an international tour of exhibits and workshops, which will include stops in Phoenix, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Santa Fe, and Devon and Reading, England.

"What I teach is my approach to weaving through Native American eyes," said Ms. Weaver. "I do bead work on the loom. Not actual glass beads, but it's woven to look like bead work."

"I do what I call quill work. I just develop these Native American designs that I do with the threading and my color choices. And no one else is doing that in the weaving world. So I've been very, very fortunate to be a popular teacher."

Ms. Weaver is one of

four Native American fashion designers chosen to speak at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) in New York, where she was also Artist in Residence.

She has exhibited works at the Museum of Art and Design in New York, the National Museum of the American Indian in New York, Institute of the American Indian Arts and Heard Museum in Phoenix, among others.

This will be her third trip to teach in England.

"When I go anywhere, everybody will say, 'I love southwestern art. I love your art. I love southwestern art,'" she said. "I say, 'no, I'm a southeastern Indian. I do southeastern art.' That has been one of the things I always try to get across."

"So I usually talk about that. I do lectures. I try to bring in a lot of the history of southeastern tribes. They are fascinated with Removal. So that brings on a lot of questions. I feel like

a crusader for southeastern art."

A feather cape and kilt Wheeler designed for "Lowak Shoppalá," which won the President's Award at Red Earth Festival and the Eiteljorg Indian Market Museum Purchase Award, will be among the costumes on exhibit.

While creating the costumes for "Lowak Shoppalá," Ms. Wheeler incorporated almost a decade of research she conducted under a National Museum of the American Indian Research Fellowship.

During her research she was able to view the Smithsonian collections at the National Museum of the American Indian and the Museum of Natural History.

Her eyes light up and she becomes animated when she speaks of viewing the rare pieces from Spiro Mounds.

"They have actual skirts. You can see the ties where it ties around the waist," she says as she makes the motion of tying a skirt around her own waist. "And they are mostly fringe skirts. I was just fascinated."

"I've been to Etowah and Moundville and Okmulgee. I saw fragments, but nothing like the complete garment that you found at the Smithsonian."

She also studied the designs found on sculpture and other artwork from the Mississippian period and says there is good evidence that southeastern tribes and others have been weaving for hundreds, and probably thousands of years.

Early weavers used upright or hand held looms and wove cloth from plant fibers, buffalo hair rabbit fur and feathers. She incorporated some of her research into the cos-



This jacket is from Ms. Wheeler's "Mahotan" collection.

I did some techniques of weaving I had never done before, so I want to incorporate that into everyday wear," she said. "I had never woven feathers – I had sewn feathers onto woven cloth, but I had never woven feathers in until I did the Lowak show. I want to get better at it."

As part of her effort to continue learning, she recently visited with Chickasaw historian Richard Green about Chickasaw women weaving with buffalo hair. She also plans to visit a number of museums in England and Scotland on her upcoming trip.

"This year I'm going to try to stay a week and I'm going to try to track down southeastern clothing from that period – the Mississippian period," she said. "I would be so excited if I found anything from that

period."

CONTRIBUTED BY Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

tumes she designed for "Lowak Shoppalá."

"Because of the Lowak show

Student work sought for Native Youth Language Fair

NORMAN, Okla. - The eighth annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair is set for Monday, April 5 and Tuesday, April 6 at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, Norman.

"Weaving Words, Connecting Lives" is the theme for this year's event. Native students in grades three through 12 demonstrate their language skills in the spoken language, and language with music or dance categories.

Other competition categories include poster art and book-making categories, open to grades three through 12; film/video category, open to sixth- through 12th-graders; language with PowerPoint, open to grades six through 12; a Language Masters Performance category, open to ninth- through 12th-graders, and a language advocacy essay category open to students in grades nine through 12.

Deadline for registration is Wednesday, March 10.

All posters, books, films/videos, essays, and PowerPoint presentations must be received by Language Fair staff no later than March 19.

The Language Fair draws hundreds participants from across Oklahoma and neighboring states, including dozens of Chickasaw students.

Last year, Chipota Chikashanompoli (Children Speaking Chickasaw), the Chickasaw Nation's language club for students aged three to 12, took first place in both the third-through fifth-grade Large Group Spoken Language and Large Group Music/Dance categories.

Registration forms, category guidelines and additional information are available at www.snomnh.ou.edu.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.



This Panther costume was featured in "Lowak Shoppalá"

New facilities encourage interaction with you!

Greetings from your Chickasaw Legislature in Ada, Oklahoma! We held our first Legislative session in our new building just last week (at the time of this writing). Our building is located behind the headquarters building to the north on Mississippi Avenue on a shared parking lot with the new Judicial building. We are still getting moved in and hope to have a celebratory ribbon cutting some time later this month. How blessed and appreciative we feel to have such a nice facility to carry on the business of the Chickasaw Legislature.

Each Legislator now has his or her own office in which to meet with constituents and others in representing you to our fullest abilities. Our monthly committee meetings will be held here as well as public meetings such as the regular monthly Legislative session and annual budget hearing. More information will follow about our new location and pictures of the new facilities of both the Legislature and Judicial branches of our government.

Upon conclusion of Legislative session this past Friday, a delegation of six Legislators packed up and headed to the airport on their way to community councils in the states of Arizona and California. Word has it that it was a great trip and enjoyed by all in attendance. May the winds

of March blow warmth and the promise of spring your way this month. As always, it is an honor and a privilege to serve you.

(Same info as always)

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Great to make contact with remote Chickasaws

If the saying, "March winds and April showers bring May flowers" is correct, we should be experiencing heavy winds and not rain and snow! Hope all of you had a wonderful February. I just returned from visiting Chickasaw citizens in Phoenix, Arizona and Ontario, California. Seeing new faces always reminds me of the common bond that we share-our Chickasaw heritage. Besides a family reunion, where else can you go and be with so many people that have something in common? At the Arizona meeting, Mr. Beamon Wisdom gave the opening blessings. He shared with me that he and his wife, Pat had met at the Haskell Boarding School in Kansas.



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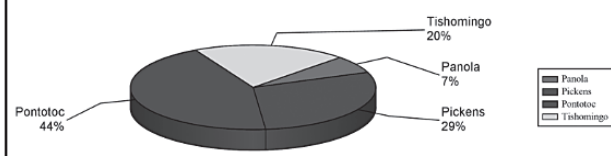
At the California meeting, I met Marva Dunn. She remembers her mother and grandmother always talking in Chickasaw when they didn't want the kids to know what their conversations were about. Sound familiar? Her grandmother did not speak English. These are just two of many conversations I had over the weekend. I truly cherish the time spent visiting with Chickasaw citizens. Since I do not have any list of citizen phone numbers and the advent to cell phone, it is next to impossible to contact all of you; therefore, I have a great idea-**CALL ME!**

Before leaving for the Arizona and California meetings, I visited with Mrs. Grace Connolly Lloyd of Fort Worth, Texas. Grace just turned 96 in February. She was born in the same house as her father, Mr. John W Connolly on allotment land in Yarnaby, Oklahoma. Her family farmed approximately 2200 acres down around the Red River. Through the years Mrs. Lloyd sang, wrote poetry and played the piano. She currently has a passion for crossword puzzles! It was nice to spend time with her and her daughter, Rita. Through the years, Grace has had some of her poetry published. **BEACH ON RED RIVER (1923)** is about a landmark that still resides here in the Panola District-Carpenters' Bluff Bridge. The year was 1923 and the poem reflects her childhood memories about the crossing.

Read Beach on Red River (1923) on page 16.

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,712	Pontotoc	11,163
Pickens	7,209	Tishomingo	5,050
			<u>25,134</u>



Tribe is living its 'Quality of Life' mission, vision

It is truly a blessing to be Chickasaw and celebrate our heritage each and every day. Our struggles throughout history have caused us to become resilient, tenacious, and community centered, while equipping ourselves for future successes. I often think about Mission as well as Vision statements of various organizations and businesses and I realize that we, as a Nation, are truly living our Mission by enhancing the quality of life for the Chickasaw People by achieving superior results in our businesses and to be the recognized leader in our businesses. We strive for excellence in everything we do. I think that the aforementioned Mission and



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Vision statement is impressive and indicates to anyone that reads them that the Chickasaw Nation is centered on its people and that with the solid leadership that we are blessed with throughout the Nation, that we will continue to prosper and use our resources wisely.

This has been demonstrated in the exceptional health care delivery models that we have in place and that we will improve upon with the addition of our new hospital. Positive Progress on the construction of the hospital continues and we will soon be the recipients of a premier hospital and health care system that will serve our people for many years to come. The "system" continues to move patients through internal medicine programs, emergency care, pediatrics, same day clinic services and family practice. The comparative analysis of these services is impressive when comparing encounter numbers through January 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009. There were 437 internal medicine visits, 991 emergency visits, 885 pediatric encounters, 2617 same day clinic visits, and 3006 family practice encounters inclusive of all satellite clinics.

There were 48 Obstetric/gynecological deliveries as compared to 57 for the same period last year. There were 255 general surgery cases for the month of January and 377 general surgery visits. These numbers are indicative of the busy practices and services that are in place within our health care system and why we are thankful to our positive leaders within all service units. Truly, we are living our Mission through enhancing the quality of life for the Chickasaw People.

Thank you for the privilege that you have given me so that I may serve and together we will continue to strive for excellence in everything we do.

Connie Barker, Pickens District

Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop

1005 Chamber Loop, Ada, OK

(580) 436-1007

SW jewelry, dream catchers, caps and lots of Chickasaw items. Shop the Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop for all your gift giving items!

Ardmore clinic on pace to serve more patients

Hello, Everybody! "Busy" has taken on a new meaning for legislators as we have been moving into our new building! We are so excited and the building is really nice and much larger than our other building. Every legislator has his/her own office in the new building and we are all so appreciative. We would love for you to see the building so if or when you find yourself in Ada please come by and get the grand tour!

Our building is a twin building with the Judicial building and that also is worth a tour. They too are very busy moving in and getting organized. They have two much needed courtrooms and other needed spaces. Visit them also!

As the hospital nears completion the energy is running high in the Chickasaw Nation. There is so much going on which will ultimately improve situations and services for our citizens everywhere. The Ardmore Clinic is getting much needed updating and some enlargement which it has needed for a long time. The re-do allows for additional caregivers and therefore will greatly improve the numbers of patients who can be seen on a daily basis. A great number of citizens use that clinic so we are thankful for the improvements and knowing that more people will be able to be seen as



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needed.

In spite of the forecast today of snow we know that summer is coming and with it the summer elections! If you are not registered to vote call (580) 310-6475 or (888) 661-0137 and request the necessary paperwork. It is a very simple procedure to register and your right to have a say! Also, if you know a high school student who is turning (or is) 18 years old, encourage them to get registered. Be involved!

If you know someone who is Chickasaw but does not have his CDIB (Certified Degree of Indian Blood) card please encourage them to call (580) 436-7250 for paperwork to get registered. It can be a life-changing move and such a wonderful gift to oneself to have the card and all the services inherent with it.

I wish for all a pleasant Spring -- not a stormy one! - and hope you stay safe! God bless you.

Linda Briggs

Carl Albert volunteers have a long, caring history

Hello Everyone, I hope you had a wonderful Valentine's Day! Valentine's Day is always a great opportunity to show our appreciation for others and experience a sense of belonging and personal self-worth by doing something for someone else.

A group of people who exemplify the spirit of appreciation for others through action are the volunteers at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility.

Some 22 years ago, a dedicated group of three women recognized the need and answered the call to serve in the truest sense of the word. They volunteered.

Their efforts began with a written proposal by Melinda Ward that met with the approval of then Carl Albert Director Kruger. The women and Director Kruger wanted people coming to Carl Albert to be welcomed and given direction and information.



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They pledged their dedication to the effort. Sabina Burris, who lead the effort from a manual wheel chair, said, "I never started something I didn't finish."

From humble beginnings of just one booth in the walk-in area, Sabrina and the others began by providing information to hospital visitors, delivering flowers and mail. The original three volunteers worked five days a week for 12 years.

From the beginning, the volunteers have identified needs and worked to meet those needs. For example, keeping a supply of pillows is sometimes a challenge at a hospital. So, the

volunteers make pillows for the patients. They make 150 or so pillows each month. Sabrina and Sue Parker have made pillows for eight years.

While working to make their stay physically more comfortable, the volunteers also get to know and befriend many of the patients, making their time at the hospital socially and emotionally more comfortable.

Sabina remembered once having to find an interpreter for a Choctaw man and lots of times just sitting with people and talking with them so they wouldn't be alone in the hospital.

In addition to working with the patients and their families on a personal level, the volunteers operate a gift shop. In the beginning, they made and sold the items they made. They now sell jewelry and Bedré Chocolate, among other things. The proceeds of the gift shop are used to meet needs outside the normal budget of the hospital. Proceeds from the purchases have been used to buy fans to help cool hospital rooms in extremely hot summers and to discretely help with some gas money or lunch money for a patient or family member in need.

Volunteering benefits the person serving, as well as the people being served. Rewards are reaped on both sides of the volunteer experience.

The only requirement for being considered as a candidate for volunteering at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility is being at least 50 years of age.

Please join us in helping our communities by becoming a volunteer.

Note: For information on the Cobell v Salazar case please call (800) 961-6109.

Respectfully,
Katie

Tribal ReUse Center can help you 'go green'

Hello everyone, We will definitely remember the winter of 2010! I hope by now everyone has their power back on. Just when I think the winters are getting milder, and I start to think that maybe there is something to global warming after all, we have a winter like this one. Oh well, I guess that's what makes life exciting -- the unexpected.

Winter is a great time to catch up on what's happening with old friends. We tend to spend more time indoors and use our e-mail to communicate. It's also a great time to go through closets and clean



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out the unused and remind ourselves of old memories. Speaking of "unused," I hope everyone has become acquainted with the ReUse Center, which is now open and accepting everything from used furniture and appliances to electronics and building materials. What a great way to help others and help our planet at the same time! Please consider what might be recyclable before throwing items in the trash.

My family and I started getting serious about recycling about two years ago. I was amazed at how much I could save from the landfill every month by recycling cans, plastics, cardboard, and paper.

Congratulations to all the young composers, whose compositions were selected to be featured in an album of works comprised of Native American student composers. I am very proud of these young people and what they have accomplished. We have so much talent in the Chickasaw Nation!

I have really enjoyed attending community council meetings across the state and getting to know you better. While attending the exhibit and reception honoring Margaret Roach Wheeler, Master Textile Artist, which was held at the McSwain Theatre this month, I had the opportunity to visit with Pauline Rodke. She was in Ada staying with her daughter because of the power outage in Paoli.

We visited for several minutes and found that we had both been Girl Scout leaders with daughters, who had also been in Girl Scouts. Pauline shared some stories about her daughter and how Scouting had taught her many life and leadership skills that she was able to draw on in her present occupation. Pauline also shared that she had recently taken her granddaughter to France. They both speak French. Pauline had been to France several times and has a great love for art. Thank you, Pauline, for sharing with me. I loved visiting with you, and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Looking forward to spring, I am respectfully your Pontotoc District Seat 2 Legislator,

Nancy Elliott

Citizens At-Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Get your kids involved in tribal education rewards

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Education Committee! We have held our first meeting in our new Legislative building. The building is really beautiful and there is enough room for all of us. The Legislators each have a nice office and I will be using mine a lot. The building is located at 801 North Mississippi Street in Ada.

The Education Committee had all members in attendance for the February meeting. Lisa John, Administrator of the Division of Education, gave a good report. As you know, we have several programs for area students as well as out of area. To request more information regarding any of these programs, call (580) 421-7711. You can ask for the 2010 Services at Large book if you haven't received one or the Program and Services book if you live within our service area.

The Chickasaw Honors Club Grade Incentive and Perfect Attendance program is for Chickasaw students second through twelve grades. The individual application form is available on the education web site for students attending a school that doesn't participate. Awards are made every grading period up to four times for grade incentive and four times for perfect attendance each school year. Students who make all A's receive a monetary reward of a \$25 Walmart gift card. Students making A's and B's receive a \$10 Walmart gift card and students making perfect attendance per grading period also earn a \$25 Walmart card.

The Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement program recognizes Chickasaw students for above and beyond successes. Students must provide a copy of their Chickasaw Nation citizenship card or certificate, a picture and a short biography along with the form. Students can be nominated for citizenship, athletics, outstanding achievement, academics, music, art and overall performance. Nominations can be made by a teacher, coach or school official. Outstanding Achievement is a one-time per year award of a \$25 Walmart card and plaque. For Further information you may call (580) 421-7711 or e-mail callie.roebuck@chickasaw.net or waylon.cotanny@chickasaw.net.

The JOM conference will be held in Tulsa at the Marriott Hotel on 71st street on March 23 through 25 this year. The Nation supports the JOM program in many of our area schools. Each year JOM sponsors a student art contest. Three awards are given for the art and the first place art is used as a logo on the tee shirts given to participants at the conference. Individual schools are presented awards at a banquet. Usually the parents who work to make their programs better help the schools win these awards.

In closing, may God's blessings be on each of you Chickasaws where ever you are. I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Thank you.



MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Our students inspired by Summer Arts Academy

Happy March! I pray each and every one of our citizens has recovered from the snow and ice we have received this winter. How unusual for us to have so much snowfall in Oklahoma. Spring will be a welcomed change!

I would like to encourage all parents of school-aged children to familiarize yourselves with all the wonderful programs and services offered to our youth. They are listed in the 2010 programs and services directory, as well as listed on-line at www.chickasaw.net. These programs are a great way to introduce your child to other Chickasaw children. They help educate, enlighten and pave the way for our children to become more confident citizens.

One of my favorite programs offered is the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA). Children ages 8 to 18 participate in this two-week fine arts academy in Ada, on the campus of East Central University. The academy exposes children to music, dance, visual arts, theater, video production, music composition and textile design. Hopefully you read in last month's *Chickasaw Times* that several of our music composition students from CSAA were able to record their compositions. What wonderful experiences we are creating for our children!

Shana Tate Hammond
Pickens District Seat 4
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SHANA HAMMOND

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

CNI Stakeholders Meeting scheduled

Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. will conduct its Annual Stakeholders Meeting on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi, Ada, Okla. For further information please call Jennifer Mott at (405) 253-8200.

**The Chickasaw Nation
2010 Tribal Election
Seats Open for Election**

Pontotoc District
Seat 5

Pickens District
Seat 3

Panola District
Seat 1

Tishomingo District
Seat 2

Supreme Court
Seat 1

The Chickasaw Nation Tribal Election 2010 Primary Election Schedule

- June 7-9:** Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
- June 11:** Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.
- June 14:** Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's.
- June 14:** Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times" (by 4:00 pm)
Press release for candidates (news/media)
- June 28:** Ballots mailed to voters who reside out of the contiguous 48 states
- July 6:** Voter registration closes.
- July 7:** After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated labels, printouts, & CD's.
- July 12:** Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.
- July 21:** Last day to appoint a watcher.
- July 27:** 2010 Primary Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
- July 27:** Voter registration re-opens, if no run-off election.
- July 30:** Recount period ends.
- October 1:** Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

The Chickasaw Nation 2010 Run-Off Election Schedule (If Needed)

- August 2:** Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's (after 12:00 p.m.)
- August 16:** Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.
- August 25:** Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.
- August 31:** 2010 Run-Off Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
Voter registration re-opens
- September 3:** Recount period ends.
- October 1:** Oath of Office ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

Appreciating Chickasaw heritage through art

McLish students create cultural art at ‘mini-festival’



A group of fifth graders construct cultural wheel pins under the direction of Trina Jones.

Students across Oklahoma are learning about Chickasaw culture through unique “mini-festivals.”

Mini-festivals are hands-on events presented regularly by the Arts in Education Department of the tribal Division

of Arts and Humanities. Last month, Chickasaw Nation art instructors Trina Jones and Elizabeth Swearingen, along with tribal storyteller Lori Robbins, traveled to McLish Middle School in Fittstown, Okla.

Alisa Mabry, the school's math teacher, said that the mini-festival provided many students with a hands-on look at their past.

“With so many Native Americans in Oklahoma, these kids are really getting an insight into their own cultures,” she said.

“It’s also good for the kids to experience a different medium of learning,” she said.

Eighth grader Austin Berry echoed Mrs. Mabry’s opinion when talking about the mini-festival.

“I like this because we get to get out of the classroom and do an activity that teaches us about Chickasaw culture,” he said.

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Eighth grader Sean Burns finishes off his model of a leaning pole with feathers.

Business net income up; net assets continue to build

FINANCIAL REPORT
The tribal government caption includes the tribe’s general fund and the tribe’s BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally- or state-funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.
The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.
Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.
Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor’s and Lt. Governor’s offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarships as well as the tribe’s Division of Education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic

medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.
The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.
Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending January 31, 2010
Tribal Government
Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$11.0 million for the month and \$44.8 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$7.2 million for the month and \$28.1 million year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of \$121.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.
Chickasaw Businesses
Revenue net of gaming prizes for January totaled \$73.0 million and \$284.1 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$21.4 million for the month and \$82.6 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$15.3 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.
Statement of Net Assets
At January 31, 2010, the tribal government funds had \$101 million in cash and investments. Of this amount,

\$17.0 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.
The businesses had \$121 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of January 31, 2010, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$899 million compared to \$872 million at September 30, 2009 or an increase of \$27 million.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Four Months Ended January 31, 2010

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	\$ 326,133	284,159,598	284,485,731
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	44,555,693	(44,555,693)	-
Total funds available	44,881,826	239,603,905	284,485,731
Expenditures			
General government	3,399,558		3,399,558
Legislature	762,846		762,846
Judiciary	292,830		292,830
Education	4,765,368		4,765,368
Heritage Preservation	2,713,445		2,713,445
Health	5,201,234		5,201,234
Youth and Family Services	3,563,744		3,563,744
Nutrition Programs	1,501,069		1,501,069
Regulatory	2,033,783		2,033,783
Assistance Programs	3,919,072		3,919,072
Transfer to Loan Program	-		-
Gaming expense		165,813,008	165,813,008
Other businesses' expense		58,488,243	58,488,243
Total expenditures	28,152,949	224,301,251	252,454,199
Increase in net assets	16,728,877	15,302,654	32,031,531
Beginning net assets	371,486,184	495,790,033	867,276,217
Ending net assets	\$ 388,215,061	511,092,687	899,307,748

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets January 31, 2010

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 101,096,026	121,449,883	222,545,909
Receivables	41,408,115	16,138,077	57,546,192
Inventory		4,938,058	4,938,058
Prepaid expenses		14,873,532	14,873,532
Other Assets		21,921,760	21,921,760
Fixed assets	247,146,190	500,029,666	747,175,856
Less payables	(1,435,270)	(168,258,289)	(169,693,559)
Net Assets	\$ 388,215,061	511,092,687	899,307,748

Rising Indian band 'Injunuity' to perform in Europe

Tribal folk duo "Injunuity" has been invited to participate this summer at Apache Moon, a Native American music festival in Semione, Switzerland.

"Injunuity" is comprised of Jeff Carpenter (Chickasaw) on guitar and sax, and flutist Brad Clonch (Mississippi Choctaw).

"This is a big deal for us," said Carpenter. "Performing overseas has always been a goal of ours."

Carpenter said Europe was a prime market for Native American music.

"People travel from France, Italy and Germany for Apache Moon," he said. "It was an amazing opportunity that we could never pass up."

The band, formed in 2007,

primarily composes its own songs, described as a "combination of traditional and modern themes."

Injunuity's first appearance was the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame in August 2007 when Clonch asked Carpenter to join him in performing.

After a warm reception, the two put together an EP to broaden their listening base. They began playing small shows around Oklahoma and eventually across the country, from Alabama to New Mexico to Wisconsin.

While Native American flute music is a broad category, Injunuity plays by the slogan, "It's not your grandfather's flute music."

"Our music is different, with modern and electric elements" Clonch said. "But it still holds that cultural presence with the flute being the primary instrument in every song."

In 2008, Injunuity was named Debut Group of the Year at the Native American Music Awards. The duo's music has also been featured on the XM satellite radio station channel 76 "Fine Tuning."

This spring, Injunuity plans to release a full-length album titled "Fight for Survival."

For more information about Injunuity, visit the band's web site at www.injunuity.net

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'Injunuity' flutist Brad Clonch and guitarist Jeff Carpenter.



KYKC Radio personality Rich Kaye.

KYKC broadcaster up for top award

Rich Kaye, a well-known radio personality heard on a Chickasaw Nation-owned station, has been recognized by the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters (OAB).

For the third year in a row, Mr. Kaye has been named a 2009 "Radio Personality of the Year" finalist in the non-metro division.

The host of Ada, Okla.-based 100.1 KYKC's morning show, Mr. Kaye has been with the station since 1992.

Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby said he was pleased to learn of the Mr. Kaye's success.

"These awards add to a long list of honors these stations have received," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Recognition from this organization confirms that the staff and management of these stations continue doing excellent work."

Mr. Kaye said the recognition made his hard work all worthwhile.

"I'm very honored to be one of the three personalities to be considered for this award," he said. "I love what I do and things like this make getting up at 3 a.m. a lot easier."

The OAB is a non-profit organization of commercial radio and television stations organized to serve the public interest and promote the co-operation and prosperity of its members.

The "Personality of the Year" award winner will be announced at the OAB Awards Banquet in Oklahoma City on March 19.

The Non-Metro Division includes all stations in Oklahoma except those located in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

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Job seekers now have new on-line tools

New Internet based tools are now available to Chickasaws seeking a new career. Oklahoma Career Information System and Key Train are Web sites which offer a multitude of tools to students and others seeking to find a career path.

OKCIS enables users to research information about education, financial aid and occupations.

Users can research hundreds of possible programs of study, apply for financial aid, take practice college entrance exams, create a resume, prepare for job interviews and more.

KeyTrain enables users to complete self-paced career training.

Tribal Office of Career Services program manager Darrell Walker said the web sites provided a wide range of services and would enable his office to effectively serve more people.

Users who complete training receive a career readiness certificate, an advantage in today's crowded job market. Employers across the U.S. use this type of assessment for hiring new workers and promoting current employees.

A user name and password are required to utilize the tools on the Web sites.

<http://www.okcis.intocareers.org>

<http://www.keytrain.com>

For more information or a user name and password,

call Angela Woods at the Office of Career Services, (580) 436-7291.

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American Indian Graduate Center has awarded \$44 million to Indian students

Non-profit Indian education group names Gov. Anoatubby to board

The American Indian Graduate Center, a non-profit organization which provides scholarships and education services to American Indian students, recently announced the appointment of Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby to the board of directors.

Elizabeth Rodke Washburn, AIGC's outgoing President, said the organization was "thrilled" to add Gov. Anoatubby to the board.

"His vast experience in tribal government, tribal health, and finance - as well as his personal interest in tribal education - will provide a significant benefit to our organization and ensure sound, strategic decisions are made for the benefit of the thousands of students and communities AIGC serves," said Rodke Washburn.

Education has been a high priority for Gov. Anoatubby's administrations since he was first elected governor in 1987. In FY 2009, the Chickasaw Nation

distributed more than \$11 million to students in the form of grants, scholarships, assistance and incentive programs.

"It is a privilege to serve with an organization that is doing so much to enhance the quality of life of all American Indians," said Gov. Anoatubby. "The AIGC is providing greater access to higher education, which is the key to continued economic, political and social success of individuals and tribes across the U.S."

The AIGC also announced the election of David Mahooty as President of the Board and Dana Jackson as a new board member.



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

Mahooty is Assistant Vice President and Relationship Manager for the Wells Fargo New Mexico Commercial Banking office in Albuquerque, N.M. He also serves on the Laguna Education Foundation Board and the Advisory Council for the Native American Initiative for Junior Achievement.

Jackson is an attorney at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld in Washington, D.C. where she specializes in Indian gaming, economic development on tribal lands, Native American housing and education, and tribal trust.

"The AIGC Board of Directors is composed of a diverse, dynamic group of professionals and leaders in the nation-

wide Indian community. Mr. Mahooty, Governor Anoatubby and Ms. Jackson will infuse new vigor into our organization and ensure our mission to provide education and leadership opportunity to American Indian and Alaska Native students is realized," said Rodke Washburn.

AIGC works to improve cultural and economic well being for individuals and tribes through graduate education.

Since its founding in 1969, AIGC has awarded over \$44 million to 15,000 graduate students in all fields of study.

A non-profit organization, AIGC is committed to raising scholarship funds for its students and is proud of the fact that more than 90 percent of every dollar raised goes directly to scholarships and services for students.

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Chickasaw diver aiming for Junior Olympics, spot on 2012 Olympic team

Kaylea Arnett, a Chickasaw Diver from Spring, Texas, has taken a major step toward representing the U.S. in the first Youth Olympic Games.

Kaylea, 16, placed first in 3-meter during a Feb. 4 USA Diving qualifying event in Columbus, Ohio. Her next step is a March 12-13 qualifying meet in Mexico.

"It's cool because it's a new experience," Kaylea said. "It's something that's never been done before, and I'm excited to see what it's all about."

Kaylea earned a silver medal at the 2008 Junior World Championships.

Kaylea is a five-time Junior National Champion, and has also won a national championship in women's division.

She and her partner, Michelle Cabassol, won the National Diving Championship in synchronized diving in August 2009 in Tallahassee, Florida.

In September 2008, Kaylea and Michelle won silver medals in platform and 3-meter synchronized diving at the FINA Junior World Championship in Aachen, Germany.

In 2007, Kaylea won first in the 1-meter and platform competition at the Junior Pan

American Championships.

In 2006, Kaylea took gold in the 3-meter, 1-meter and platform events at the 2006 Speedo Junior Nationals con in Indianapolis.

Her win in the 3-meter competition at the 2006 junior nationals marked a successful defense of the title she won in 2005.

That championship qualified her for the 2005 Junior Pan American Games where she won two bronze medals. Her performance helped Team USA win first place in the event with 6 1 1 points, 55



points ahead of runner-up Canada.

At only 13 years of age, it was Kaylea's third international competition.

As a 10-year-old, Kaylea defeated 15 older girls to finish first in platform in the 13-and-under division in the World Team Trials.



Kaylea Arnett

That qualified her for a spot as the youngest diver on the 19 member U.S. team which traveled to the 2003 Junior Pan American Championships in Belem, Brazil.

Kaylea earned two bronze medals at that event and helped the U.S. team to a third place finish.

Kaylea's ultimate goal is to compete and become a member of the U.S. diving team that will compete in the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London.

CONTRIBUTED BY Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Tahlequah Job Corps program serves Native Americans

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. - Tahlequah has the only Job Corps Center in the U.S. designed specifically to serve Native American youth, according to the center's admissions counselor Melvin Imotichey.

"What that means is we can recruit any Native American student who has a CDIB card from anywhere in the United States," said Mr. Imotichey.

A unique aspect of the Tahlequah center, Mr. Imotichey said, was the incorporation of Native American culture into the program.

Transportation costs will be paid for students who are accepted into the program.

Students from 16 to 24 years of age who meet admission requirements are eligible to live on campus and receive education and career training at no cost. Meals and rooms are also provided at no cost.

Students may earn high school diplomas, GEDs or college credits.

Career training areas include business, culinary arts, elec-

trician, facilities maintenance and health occupations among others.

Mr. Imotichey said there was a lot of misconception about Job Corps being like a boot camp or military environment.

He said the reality is the center is very similar to a small community college campus with a structured environment.

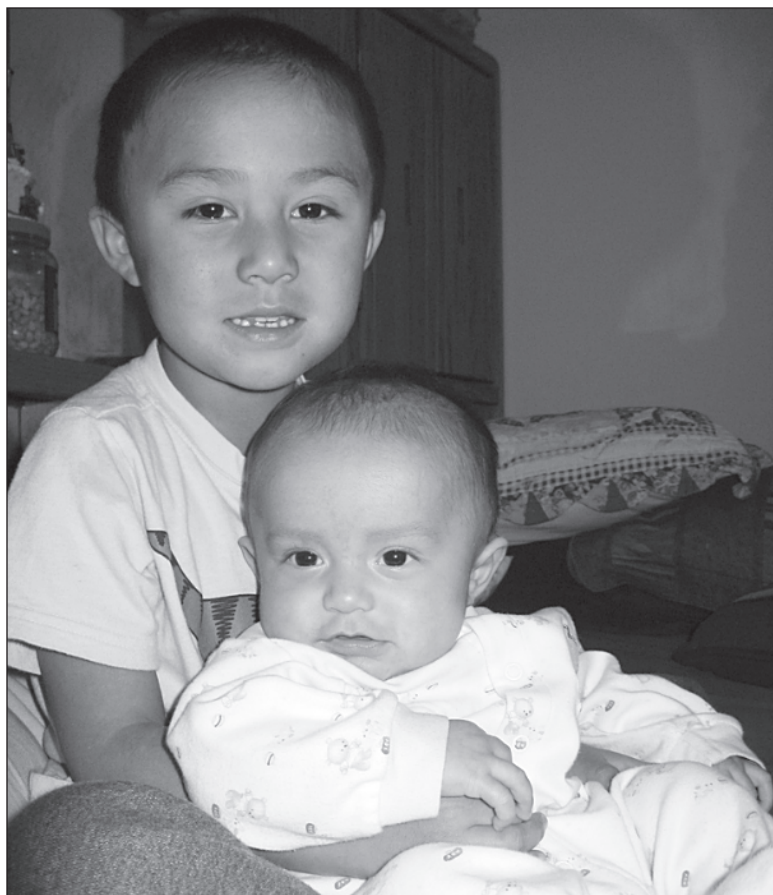
"We feel like it actually prepares those kids to make the transition to college," said Mr. Imotichey.

The center is primarily for students who may not be on track to complete their high school diploma, or those who have dropped out of high school and need to learn the job skills necessary to begin a career.

For more information, visit <http://talkingleavesjobcorps.gov> or call Mr. Imotichey at (405) 639-3667.

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BIRTHS



Dominic and Derek Bennett

Dominic James Bennett, 4, announces the birth of his brother, **Derek Brian Bennett**. Derek was born Aug. 13, 2009 at Albuquerque, N.M. He weighed 6 lbs., 3 oz., and measured 19.25 inches at birth.

Dominic and Derek are the sons of Donna James-Bennett and Lowery Bennett, of Albuquerque.

Paternal grandparents are Benny and Nelly Bennett, of Chinle, Ariz. Maternal grandparents are Ruby Harner, of Fillmore, Okla., and the late Jim Harner.

Great-grandmother is Mary James, of Tishomingo, Okla.

Dominic celebrated his birthday Dec. 23, 2009 at his Grandma Ruby's house.



Kiley Sage Hamilton

Kiley Sage Hamilton was born Jan. 11, 2010 at 8:08 a.m. at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, Ada, Okla. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and measured 19.1 inches at birth.

Kiley is the daughter of Michelle and Derek Hamilton, of Ardmore, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Lisa and Curt Ingram, Kathy and Danny Marris, of Madill, Okla., and Dennis Hamilton, of Mill Creek, Okla.

Kiley is the great-granddaughter of the late Steve Bond and Mona Williams, Ardmore, the late Alvin Williams, the late Robert and the late Joann Ingram, and the great-great-granddaughter of Lena and the late Dave Farve, of Enville, Okla., Retha and the late James Ledford, of Marlow, Okla., the late Andris "Yellow Wolf" Hamilton and the late Mona and the late Harrison Pershica II.

Proud uncles and aunts are James "Boo" Ingram, Kyle Ingram, of Ardmore; Laura Hamilton, of Weatherford, Okla., Clovis Hamilton, of Ada, Macen Marris, of Madill, Shon and Chad McCage, of Ada; and Deidra Hamilton, of Mill Creek.



Cross Bonilla

Cross Patrick Bonilla was born Jan. 15, 2010. He is the son of Marlon and Lindsay Bonilla, of Van Buren, Ark.

He is the grandson of Nancy Pruett Ross, of Hot Springs Village, Ark. He is the great-grandson of Vinita Stephens Pruett, of Edmond, Okla., and the great-great-grandson of Tishie Stephens, an original enrollee.



Ainsley Russell

Ainsley Danielle Russell was born Oct. 8, 2009 at 5:12 a.m. at Mercy Hospital, Oklahoma City. She weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz., and measured 20 inches at birth.

Ainsley is the daughter of Julie and Daniel Russell, of Tryon, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Darla Norvill Porter, of Ada, Okla., Frank and Judy Russell, of Edmond, Okla., and Greg Norvill, of Oklahoma City.

BIRTHDAY



Sarah Criswell

Sarah Marie (Sadie) Criswell celebrated her 10th birthday Dec. 1, 2009. Sadie is a Chickasaw fourth-grade student at Washington Elementary School, Ada, Okla. She is on the Principal's Honor Roll and in the Individual Learning Opportunity (ILO). She loves all sports and her goal is to attend the University of Oklahoma on a basketball scholarship. She loves music, plays a guitar and plans to have her own band.

Sadie is the daughter of Cara and James Criswell, of Ada.

She is the great-great-granddaughter of Chickasaw original enrollees, the late Sarah H. Alexander and the late E. Babe Benson.



Malachi Hamilton

Malachi Zane Hamilton will celebrate his fifth birthday March 31, 2010 with family and friends at Chuck E Cheese with a Spiderman-themed party.

Malachi is the son of Andy and Jessica Hamilton, of Denver, Colo.

He is the grandson of Tony Poe and Patti Bond, both of Pontotoc, Okla., and Andrea and Geary Blevins, of Mill Creek, Okla.

Malachi is loved by many more people not mentioned.



Ryan Rico

Ryan Timothy Rico celebrated his 14th birthday Dec. 26, 2009. Ryan is a Chickasaw eighth-grade student at Byng (OK) Junior High School. He was selected Student of the Month in December 2009. He is on the Principal's Honor Roll and a student in the Gifted and Talented program. He enjoys photography and videography. His hobbies are tennis, chess and playing music.

Ryan is the son of Lori Rico, of Ada, Okla., and Juan Rico, of Norman, Okla.

He is the great-grandson of original enrollees the late Sarah H. Alexander and the late E. Babe Benson.



Trysten Cook

Trysten Cook will celebrate his 10th birthday March 7, 2010.

Trysten is a fourth-grade student. He is very smart and talented. He makes straight A's. He is learning to play several instruments.

Trysten is the son of Kelli Cook and Mike Cook. He is the grandson of Janie Brady.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Rachel Byars

Rachel Byars named to OBU Honor roll

Chickasaw citizen Rachel Joy Byars, a sophomore elementary education major, has been named to Oklahoma Baptist University's President's Honor Roll for the fall 2009 semester.

Ms. Byars had previously been named to the OBU's President's Honor Roll for the fall 2008 and the spring 2009 semesters.

Students who achieved a semester grade point average of 3.7 or higher on a 4.0 scale are named to the President's Honor Roll. OBU, located in Shawnee, has been rated one of the top 10 comprehensive colleges in the West by U. S. News and World Report for 18 consecutive years. The University has been Oklahoma's highest rated comprehensive college in the U. S. News rankings for 16 consecutive years. For 2010, Forbes.com ranked OBU as the top university in Oklahoma.

Ms. Byars is a member of Kappa Kappa Psi, Philos, and Phi Eta Sigma. She is the daughter of Allen and Joy Byars, of Beggs, Okla.



Kaelan Hutchings

Chickasaw boy named Deer Creek top student

Kaelan L. Hutchings, an eighth grader at Deer Creek Middle School in Edmond, Okla., was named student of the month, January 2010, in math and science.

This award is presented each month to the top student selected by the teachers. Kaelan and his two siblings relocated in November 2009 from Haslet, Texas to Edmond.

Kaelan made the midyear transition successful by staying focused and disciplined. He says Deer Creek is a very friendly school. Kaelan plans to attend Oklahoma State University in a few more years to study medicine.

Kaelan is the son of Kevin and Terri Hutchings, of Edmond, and Heidi Lemke, of Lawton, Okla.

He is the grandson of Evelyn Hutchings of Norman, Oklahoma and Terry and Jeanie Hutchings, of Calera, Okla.

Kaelan is the great nephew of Robert Holden, of Washington, D.C., and Terry and Marilyn and Terry Hofstra, of Arcata, Calif.

All three children are 1/8 Chickasaw and 1/8 Choctaw.

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win \$100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in the *Chickasaw Times*.



Kael Carter

Kael Carter named to OU President's, Dean's rolls

Kael Carter, a Chickasaw student from Noble, Okla., was named to both the President's Honor Roll and College of Arts and Sciences Dean's honor roll for the fall 2009 semester at the University of Oklahoma.

Mr. Carter is a sophomore at OU and has maintained a 4.0 grade point average through his freshman year.

He is the son of Tawnya and Larry Carter, of Noble. He is the great-great-grandson of original enrollee, Eula Russell Carter, the grandson of Kay and Charles Carter, of Antlers, Okla., and Sharon Kilmer, of Helena, Mont.



Christopher Carloy

Carloy receives UCLA film and television master's

Christopher Todd Carloy received a Master of Arts degree in Film and Television from the University of California at Los Angeles in September 2009.

Mr. Carloy is the son of Kerry and Janis Black Carloy and grandson of Wayne and Georgeanna Harlin Black, all of Carrollton, Texas.

He is the great-great-grandson of original enrollee George Washington Harlin, Sr., and great-grandson of the late George Washington Harlin, Jr., Pauline Harlin, Irene Black and Rudolph Black, all of Durant, Okla.

NEWS FROM MISS CHICKASAW

Jessie Miller
Miss Chickasaw

Chukma, My name is Jessie Miller and I am Miss Chickasaw 2009-2010.

I am 19 years old, a sophomore at East Central University, and my major is Element-

tary Education. My parents are James and Shannon Treat and my grandparents are Charley and Suzanne Russell.

During my reign, I have already experienced a lot so far. I have learned the Lord's Prayer in sign language, gone to see the Mike Larsen paintings in Oklahoma City, been to children's events in Oklahoma City, Ardmore, Tishomingo, and Ada, elders' events in Ada, and even went to San Diego, California for the Native American Wellness Initiative.

We have also been to etiquette and history trainings.

I have enjoyed these events so much and have gotten to know the other Princesses and the coordinator very well. During these events, I have learned patience when it comes to serving others before myself. I have learned that sometimes things don't go as planned, Some-

Mr. Carloy graduated from Baylor University in May 2006 with a bachelor's degree in University Scholars with summa cum laude honors and Phi Beta Kappa distinctions. He was accepted to UCLA's graduate school and awarded a two-year Harold Leonard Scholarship from the Cinema and Media Studies faculty in the fall of 2007.

He advanced to master of Arts degree candidacy after completing his qualification for Ph.D course study including a comprehensive examination of film and television in July 2009. He was accepted into both UCLA's and University of Chicago's competitive Ph.D programs.

Mr. Carloy was awarded a five-year fellowship by the University of Chicago's Division of Humanities Cinema and Media Studies Department and is currently in his second quarter of Ph.D course work in Chicago.

Mr. Carloy is grateful to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education for its support with generous grants, scholarships, and incentives which help him pursue his educational goals.

times you take a wrong turn, or miss your exit, or the music skips when you are trying to do the Lord's Prayer, but you must keep going to show that you are confident in what you are doing.

I am very proud to be Miss Chickasaw because I know I am representing the Chickasaw Nation, and I know that children are watching me to see what I do because when they see me doing something, they want to do it too. So many of the children where I work, at the Chickasaw Nation Head Start, say they want to be a Princess like me.

It makes me so happy to see the smiles on their faces when they get to give me a hug, or take a picture with me. This has been the most amazing and memorable experience so far and I'm very excited to do more. Yakoke!

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the Public Affairs Department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Megan Cordell

Chickasaw runner part of state championship

A Chickasaw high school runner is a member of the cross country team that won a state championship.

Megan Cordell, a freshman at Springdale (AR) Shiloh Christian School, finished 11th overall in the cross country competition. She ran a time of 23:42 for the 5-kilometer race. Shiloh Christian swept the Arkansas State 4A Cross Country championship. The event was run in Mountain Home, Ark., in November.

Megan is the daughter of Roy and Jamie Cordell, of Fayetteville, Ark. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Jean Ann Dryden, and Lynell Cordell, all of Duncan, Okla.



Kelby Luna

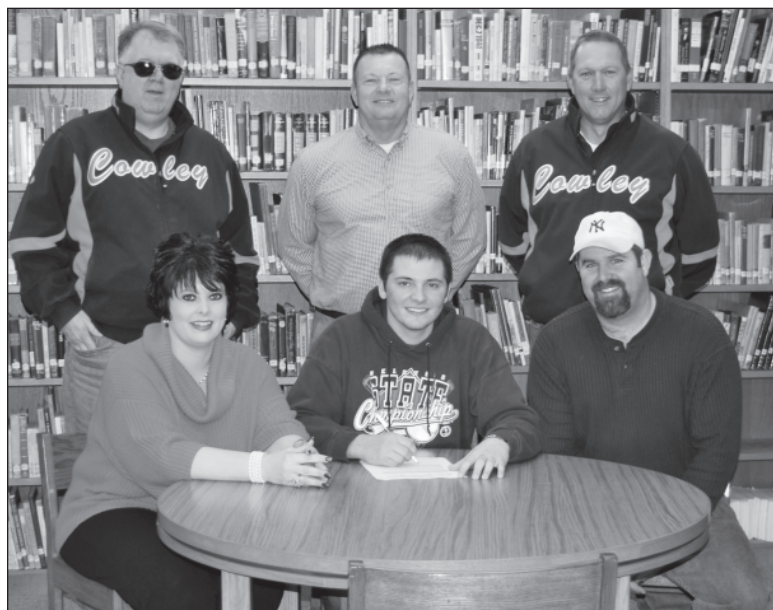
Student named to All-Conference Academic Team

A Chickasaw student has recently been recognized for performance on his high school academic team.

Kelby Luna, who attends Sulphur (OK) High School, received academic team All-Conference honors in the Tetra-County Conference.

Kelby is a senior at Sulphur High.

His parents are Paul and Stefanie Luna, of Sulphur.



Tyler Reeves signs letter of intent

Tyler Reeves recently signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Cowley County (KS) Community College. Tyler is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and currently a senior at Latta (OK) High School. Pictured from left, Traci Reeves-Carter (mother), Tyler Reeves, Brian Carter (father). Back row from left, Cowley County Community College head coach Dave Burroughs, Latta High School coach Eddie Collins and Cowley County Community College pitching coach Darren Burroughs. Tyler is also the son of the late Steven Reeves.



Kyra Avila

Fourth-grader achieving plenty despite diabetes

Kyra Avila is a Chickasaw fourth-grader achieving a lot despite her juvenile diabetes.

Kyra was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when she was five. The illness means her body produces no insulin and she must take insulin shots or wear an insulin pump.

She is now 10 and attends Homer School in Ada. She has perfect attendance and is an honor roll student.

Kyra recently attended a Byng High School cheer clinic and performed during halftime of a Byng basketball game with the Byng cheerleaders.

She has performed with the Honor Choir for the Oklahoma Music Educators' Association and received a plaque for her participation. She attends Mitchell Memorial Church and portrayed the Blessed Virgin Mary during the Christmas

program.

Kyra loves to sing and is learning Choctaw hymns. She has a love for animals and would like to grow up and be a veterinarian.

She is proud to be Native American and a member of the Chickasaw tribe.

Kyra is the daughter of Candice Carmichael. She is the granddaughter of Sam and Brenda Williams.



Haley Sperry

Haley Sperry named to OU President's Honor Roll

A Chickasaw college undergraduate student has been honored for her academic accomplishments.

Haley Michelle Sperry, of Ardmore, Okla., was named to the President's Honor Roll at the University of Oklahoma for the Fall 2009 semester. Students named to the Honor Roll must achieve a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Ms. Sperry is a junior at OU.

She is the daughter of Cindy Sperry, of Ardmore, and the late Chickasaw tribal legislator Mitch Sperry.

She is the granddaughter of Robert Sperry, of Ardmore, Mike and Sue Flies, of Midwest City, Okla., and Patricia and James Garrett, of California.



Brittany Mayes

Mayes serving as OU Law class president

Brittany Mayes is a third-year law student at the University of Oklahoma School of Law. In addition to serving as class president, Ms. Mayes has been a member of the Dean's List, Dean's Council, ABA Arbitration Team, Christian Legal Society and the American Indian Law Review.

She received the Blackstone Legal Fellowship and spent last summer studying in London. While in London, she researched European law on human trafficking and reported on Parliament and House of Commons meetings.

Ms. Mayes has competed in the national Moot Court competition with the OU team.

She will graduate with the School of Law's 100th class.

Ms. Mayes is a 2006 graduate of the University of Oklahoma and a 2007 graduate of the Kanakuk Institute of Ministry. She graduated from Purcell (OK) High School in 2002.

She is the daughter of Roger and Carrie Mayes, of Purcell, and the granddaughter of Carolyn Wallace, of Ardmore, Okla.



Miranda Kiser signs letter of intent

Chickasaw student Miranda Kiser recently signed a letter of intent to play softball at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, Miami. Pictured from left, Michelle Haws (mother), Miranda Kiser, Cary Kiser (father). Back row from left, Union head coach Jerry Pease, Union assistant coach Ann Bailey, Northeastern Oklahoma head coach Eric Iverson.

Chickasaw girl leads national anthem



Carson Kennedy, a sophomore at Charles Page High School in Tulsa, sings the national anthem at the Sand Springs (OK) High School "Tip-Off Night" preceding the first game. Carson is a Chickasaw and the daughter of Mike and Terri Kennedy. She is the granddaughter of original enrollee Sylvia Gibson.

Martial artist is tops in Teen State Division



Terry Matson, of Sulphur, Okla., won both Form and Fighting Divisions in the 2009 Oklahoma Karate Association State Division for Intermediate Teens. His instructor, Mickey Fisher, says Terry is a dedicated student and looks forward to his advancement to the black belt ranks. Terry is seeking sponsorships for this year's events.

Ebischs celebrate Golden Anniversary



Lawrence Paul and Vicki Ebisch

Lawrence Paul and Vicki Ebisch, of Mount Vernon, Mo., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 2, 2010 at the New Life Assembly of God Church in Mt. Vernon. The couple celebrated with a renewal of vows with Rev. Paul Lessor officiating. A reception and dinner followed hosted by the couple's children. A trip to Orlando with their children is planned for March 2010.

The couple were married Jan. 6, 1960 at Wichita Falls, Texas.

The Ebisch's five children, Dixie Ebisch, of Mt. Vernon; Kathy and Paul Kennedy, of Lawton, Okla.; Lauri Ebisch, Mt. Vernon; Rev. Paul Jr., and Lisa Ebisch, of

Springfield, Mo.; and Johanna and David Moore, of Mt. Vernon. They have six grandsons, five granddaughters and two great-granddaughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebisch were both born in Oklahoma and lived in Lawton until 2003 when they moved to Mount Vernon.

Mr. Ebisch served in the U.S. Army for three years as a wheel and track mechanic with duty stations at Fort Sill, Okla., and Munich, Germany. He then worked as service manager for Lawton Coca-Cola Bottling Company for 18 years, then retired from the UH-1 Flight Simulator at Fort Sill in 1998. He is currently a farmer rais-

ing cattle and doing custom hay baling.

He is a member of New Life Assembly of God Church in Mt. Vernon.

His father, C.A. Fred Ebisch Sr, his grandmother Mattie Paul Ebisch, great-grandfather Sam Paul, and great-great-grandfather Smith Paul were all original enrollees.

Mrs. Ebisch worked for Department of Defense at Fort Sill for 35 years before retiring in September 2000 as a financial systems administrator for the Defense Finance & Accounting Service. During that time she served as president, treasurer and Woman of the Year for the American Business Women's Association and treasurer and member of the Great Plains Toastmistress Club. She also served as Sunday school teacher, Christian Education Administrator, Women's Ministries leader and church secretary/treasurer at Calvary Assembly of God in Lawton, before moving to Mount Vernon.

Since moving to Mount Vernon, she worked as church bookkeeper for Church on the Loop for five years and is currently a member and church bookkeeper for New Life Assembly of God Church in Mount Vernon. She also works part time as a bookkeeper for Boundless Creative Inc in Springfield.

Teacher completes National Board Certification



Cherri Henry

teachers achieving board certification this year. Oklahoma now has 2,599 National Board Certified Teachers.

National Board Certification is designed to advance student learning, improve teaching and make schools better. Teachers who achieve National Board Certification have met high standards through study, expert evaluation, self-assessment and peer review.

Mrs. Henry teaches fourth grade at Bryant Elementary, Moore, Okla. She has been teaching for nine years, all in the Moore School District.

Mrs. Henry is the daughter of Henry and Gloria Sanders and the granddaughter of the late Henry and Dora Sanders. She and her husband, Johnny Henry, have three children, Jacob, Caleb and Jordyn.

A Chickasaw educator has recently achieved her National Board Certification for Teachers.

Cherri Henry is one of 296 new National Board Certified Teachers in Oklahoma for 2009. Oklahoma ranked eighth nationwide in the number of

Chickasaw rider Johnny Garside tops in bareback riding at Rodeo of Colors

A Chickasaw rider has recently finished first at a Texas rodeo event.

Johnny Garside, of Stringtown, Okla., won the 2010 Rodeo of Colors bareback riding event in Fort Worth on Jan. 18. He scored 76 points and won the purse of \$1,000.

Mr. Garside attends Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla.,

where he will earn his associate's degree this spring. He rides in college rodeo and is a PRCA permit holder.

He is the son of J.D. and Natalie Garside and the grandson of J.E. and Donna Garside, all of Stringtown. He is the grandson of Ray and Mary Kay Walker, of Kennewick, Wash.

CHICKASAW Renaissance
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Chickasaw Renaissance tells the story of many of the people who lived and experienced the events of the 20th century. In addition to individual stories, *Renaissance* also tells the story of the Chickasaw Nation during this time. Together, the oral histories, photographs, and works of art weave a tapestry of Chickasaw life in the 20th century.

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Life can be hectic, but tribal program allows advancement

Busy mother-of-three makes the grade in School to Work Program

The Minor family, of Ardmore, Okla., is a busy one.

Mom (Erica) and Dad (Shane) are both pursuing college degrees and working full time. In addition, the couple is raising three small children.

Erica is a student in the Chickasaw Nation School to Work program.

She is majoring in Human Services/ Counseling at Ardmore (Okla.) Higher Education through East Central University.

This fall, she will begin her senior year.

"I can see the end, finally," said the 25-year-old.

When she completes her education, she wants to help families in the social services field.

"I want to give back," she said.

Erica's desire to help others stems from the time her twins, Auston and Addie, were born early and strangers lent her a helping hand.

When the twins were born a month early in August 2008, little Auston had to go to a Dallas hospital for a two-week stay in a neonatal isolation unit (NICU).

"We knew no one in Dallas or

had no family, and the Ronald McDonald house offered us a place to stay at a time when we were most vulnerable, she said.

"After that time, it made me what to give back, even if indirectly, because it meant so much and we were never asked for anything."

She said working within the Chickasaw Nation to help its citizens would be an ideal position for her.

"The tribe has given me so much and helped me with school and even with WIC (Women, Infant and Children Supplemental Nutritional program)," she said.

Erica is working in tribal Vocational Rehabilitation in Ardmore in the School to Work program and says she is learning many new things.

"I have learned a lot about how the rehabilitation process works and I have learned so much about the paper work and the referral process, things that I haven't been taught yet in class," she said. "I didn't realize there was so much involved."

Although her days are very busy with the twins and six-year-old Macey, Erica manages



Erica Minor

to maintain a high grade point average.

"The School To Work program helped because I can go to school during the day and its part of my job instead of taking just night classes," she said.

She also credits her mom and her husband for helping

her with the children.

"I couldn't do it without them."

She encourages anyone who has the will and the drive to complete their education to make time to do it.

"People say 'I can't go to school, I don't have time,' but I have three kids, so, if I can do

this I don't see why anybody else couldn't, she said.

"They don't have any excuse."

Erica's long-term plans include earning a master's degree in human resources and working as a director of a shelter.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

About School to Work

The School to Work program helps eligible traditional and non-traditional Chickasaw students earned their education while maintaining employment through an On-the-Job Training program.

Students accepted in the program attend class and work in internship programs, typically

in an area associated with their field of study. Students are considered employees and receive a paycheck and benefits for their efforts.

For more information about the School to Work program, contact Valerie Nix at (580) 559-0815 in Ada or Don Mose in Ardmore at (580) 222-2839.

From poverty to greatness

Jack Brisco, champion wrestler, dies at 68

A former world-renowned Chickasaw wrestler who competed in the professional National Wrestling Association and was a collegiate champion died Feb. 1, 2010 in Odessa, Florida.

Jack Brisco, of Odessa, was 68.

Known on the wrestling circuit as a good guy, a "real" wrestler and a fair fighter, Mr. Brisco was a member of the Pro Wrestling Hall of Fame and the World Wrestling Entertainment Hall of Fame.

Many industry greats, including Steve Austin and Edge, cite Mr. Brisco and his brother, Jerry Brisco, as major influences in their careers. Together, the Brisco brothers won nearly two dozen tag team titles and were two of the greatest singles champions in their field.

Jack Brisco's sportsmanship left an indelible mark on the world of professional wrestling.

"Jack Brisco treated everybody with respect and love, wrestling commentator Jim Ross said.

"He was the Norman Rockwell of wrestling. What he painted on the wrestling canvas will never be duplicated."

At his induction into the Pro Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2005,



Jack Brisco

Mr. Brisco was credited with having "brought more respect and dignity to this business than anybody."

He was born Freddie Joe Brisco on September 21, 1941, in Blackwell, Okla.

Mr. Brisco won two Oklahoma state high school wrestling championships while at Blackwell High School in 1958 and 1959, and played fullback on the Blackwell High football team, which played in the 1959 Class A state title game.

He made a tough decision when it came to college athletics. He had been successful with wrestling in high school, but also was an All-State football player.

"I had the University of Oklahoma recruiting me to play football," he said during an interview last year. "Bud Wilkinson was in my living room trying to get me to be an OU football player."

Mr. Brisco ended up turning down the football scholarship to wrestle at Oklahoma State University.

"Deep down I just wanted to wrestle more," he said. "I've thought about how my life would've been different if I had played football, but I have no regrets."

During his career at OSU, he became the first Native American to win the National Collegiate Athletic Association wrestling championship.

"I am so, so proud of that," Mr. Brisco said.

It was during his senior year of college that he entered the world of professional wrestling, encouraged by national wrestling champion Leroy McGirk.

After an illustrious career, Mr. Brisco walked away from wrestling for good in 1984.

He continued to live in the Tampa, Florida area, where he owned and operated Brisco Brothers Body Shop with brothers Jerry and Bill.

Although he had traveled the world, he still felt very connected to Oklahoma and his Chickasaw heritage.

"We were real poor," Mr. Brisco said, "and we hardly ever got outside of Oklahoma."

"To look back and realize what all I've had the opportunity to do and see is just amazing. It's been a wonderful life."

Mr. Brisco's full obituary appears on page 35.

Jack Brisco is survived by his wife of over 30 years, Jan, a son, two daughters, three brothers and two sisters.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

BEACH ON RED RIVER (1923)

The Sunday School Picnic was a yearly event
When each family loaded the flivver
And drove thumpety-thump across Hendrix Bridge
To a favorite beach on Red River.

As food was being unloaded,
We children eased out of reach and ran hollerin' and
hootin'(or sometimes scootin')
Down the path that led to the beach.

We played Red Rover Come Over,
Or stumbled through the sand
With a wobbling potato on a spoon
Clutched in a wobbling hand.

Mothers set food on white tablecloths
While Daddys talked or played ball;
The Old Folks just sat on cane-bottomed chairs
And watched over us all.

Grace Connlley Lloyd

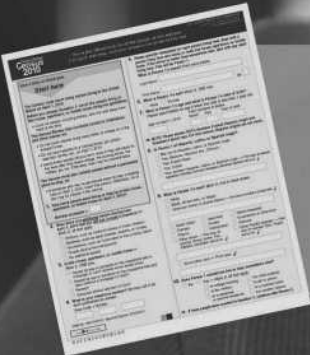
Later, someone called and the Preacher prayed,
Then we ate chicken, salads, and fluff
Until we could hardly get our breath
As we climbed to the top of Carpenters' Bluff.

Blue shadows lengthened, we waved goodbye
As each Daddy cranked his flivver
Then drove likkety-split back home, again,
From a favorite breach on Red River.

-Grace Connlley Lloyd



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The 2010 Census is here and by answering 10 simple questions we let others know our need for housing, schools, roads and hospitals.

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Census 2010 Questions

1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2010?

Number of people =

This question is asked to get an accurate count of the number of people in the household. It is crucial to the 2010 Census that the count is correct and properly completed.

2. Were there any additional people staying here April 1, 2010 that you did not include in Question 1?

Question 2 makes sure that people who may have been missed in the count provided in Question 1 are identified. Like Question 1, this information is used to ensure that the count is accurate and the questionnaire is correctly completed.

3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home?

This question has been on the Census form since 1890. Home ownership statistics help determine the state of our nation's economy. This information is also used in administering housing

programs and determining future development planning.

4. What is your telephone number?

A phone number is asked for in case the Census Bureau needs to contact a member of the household regarding a form that is returned with incomplete or missing information. Your phone number and other personal information will remain confidential and will not be shared with any other federal or private organization.

5. Please provide information for each person living here. Start with a person living here who owns or rents this house, apartment, or mobile home. If the owner or renter lives somewhere else, start with any adult living here. This will be Person 1.

What is Person 1's name?

Listing the name of each person in the household helps ensure that everyone is counted. Also, names are necessary if additional information about a person is needed to complete the questionnaire. Federal law protects the con-

fidentiality of all personal information provided on the Census form.

6. What is Person 1's sex?

One of the oldest questions on the Census. Information about sex is important since many federal agencies require information about gender for funding, running and evaluating programs. Researchers who measure our country's economic and social trends also use this data.

7. What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth?

Tribal, federal, state and local governments need data about age to determine most of the programs and policies the government administers. The data is widely used in planning and evaluating programs and policies that provide funds or services for children, working-age adults, women of childbearing age or elders.

8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

The answers to this question are

needed by federal agencies to make sure anti-discriminatory policies such as the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act are properly followed. Local and state governments may also use the information to help plan bilingual programs for people of Hispanic origin.

9. What is Person 1's race?

This question has been asked since 1790. The answers provided for Question 9 help determine many federal laws and policies. State governments use the data to determine congressional, state and local voting districts. Data about race are also used to review the fairness and efficiency of employment, health and housing policies as well as to plan and acquire funds for future public services.

10. Does Person 1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else?

The last question. Question 10 of the 2010 Census is asked as a final measure to ensure the accuracy and completeness of the questionnaire.

Questionnaire Assistance Centers available

Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC) will be available to assist those unable to read or understand the census form. For those with visual impairments, Language Assistance Guides will be available in large print and Braille, as well as 59 languages, at all QAC locations. Deaf and hard-of-hearing persons can call the TDD number, 1-866-783-2010. The following locations in the Chickasaw Nation will be available as QACs and are open to the public for Census-related questions and assistance during regular business hours.

Ada Area Office

530 East Main
Ada, OK 74820
Phone: (580) 436-7256

Ardmore Area Office

301 W. Main, Suite 604
Ardmore, OK 73401
Phone: (580) 226-4821

Duncan Area Office

1911 W. Plato Rd.
Duncan, OK 73533
Phone: (580) 252-4119

Oklahoma City Area Office

4005 N.W. Expressway, Ste 610
Oklahoma City, OK 73116

Phone: (405) 767-8971

Purcell Area Office

1603 S. Green Ave.
Purcell, OK 73080
Phone: (405) 527-4973

Sulphur Area Office

4970 W. Hwy. 7
Sulphur, OK 73086
Phone: (580) 622-2888

Tishomingo Area Office

815 E. 6th St.
Tishomingo, OK 73460
Phone: (580) 371-9512

Achille Senior Center

104 W. Main
Achille, OK 74720
Phone: (580) 283-3108

Ada Senior Center

1005 Chamber Loop Dr
Ada, OK 74820
Phone: (580) 436-1007

Ardmore Senior Center

949 Locust NW
Ardmore, OK 73401
Phone: (580) 226-6904

Connerville Senior Center

6700 N. Hwy. 377
Connerville, OK 74836
Phone: (580) 836-7276

Duncan Senior Center

1909 W. Plato Road
Duncan, OK 73533
Phone: (580) 470-2160

Kullihoma Senior Center

12 miles east of Ada on Hwy. 1,
then 5 miles south on Kullihoma
Road
Phone: (580) 310-0538

Madill Senior Center

Corner of Hwy 70 and 5th Street
Oakland, OK
Phone (580) 795-7355

Pauls Valley Senior Center

109 N. Indian Meridian Rd.
Pauls Valley, OK 73075
Phone: (405) 207-9034

Purcell Senior Center

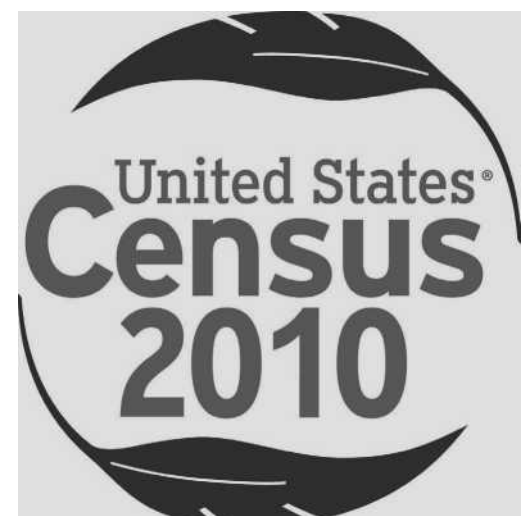
703 Sherri Classic Blvd.
Purcell, OK 73080
Phone: (405) 527-8855

Sulphur Senior Center

401 E. Oklahoma
Sulphur, OK 73086
Phone: (580) 622-5490

Tishomingo Senior Center

1199 W. Ray Branum Rd.
Tishomingo, OK 73460
Phone: (580) 371-9667



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q. Who should fill out the census questionnaire?

A. The individual in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented should complete the questionnaire on behalf of every person living in the residence, including relatives and non-relatives.

2. Q. How do I fill out the race question (Question 9.) correctly?

A. If a person self-identifies as American Indian or Alaska Native he or she should check the American Indian or Alaska Native race box. He or she is then instructed to print the name of the enrolled or principal tribe in the write-in area.

Chickasaw citizens or persons self-identified as Chickasaw should print "CHICKASAW NATION" in the write-in area

3. Q. Can I write in more than one tribe?

A. Yes, respondents may report more than one tribe. A maximum of 30 characters will be captured and up to two tribal names will be tabulated and used in census results.

CENSUS 2010

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10 years, is our voice to let everyone know who we are and what we need. Census data will help determine the needs for schools, housing, roads and health care facilities. The 2010 Census is one of the shortest forms in history and will count everyone in the United States, including people of all ages, races and ethnic groups.

Participating in the census is easy, important and safe. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone including tribal housing authorities, other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. All Census Bureau employees take the oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

The majority of households will receive a form by mail in March 2010. However, special procedures will be used on many Indian reservations, in Alaska Native villages and in other rural or remote counties where homes do not have city-style addresses with a number and street name. In these areas, members of the community working with the Census Bureau will visit homes to help fill out the form and take an accurate count. They are only asking for a small amount of time, so please speak with them.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economics and Statistics Administration
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

United States Census 2010
 This is the official form for all the people at this address.
 It is quick and easy, and your answers are protected by law.

Use a blue or black pen.

Start here

The Census must count every person living in the United States on April 1, 2010.

Before you answer Question 1, count the people living in this house, apartment, or mobile home using our guidelines.

- Count all people, including babies, who live and sleep here most of the time.

The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions and other places, so:

- Do not count anyone living away either at college or in the Armed Forces.
- Do not count anyone in a nursing home, jail, prison, detention facility, etc., on April 1, 2010.
- Leave these people off your form, even if they will return to live here after they leave college, the nursing home, the military, jail, etc. Otherwise, they may be counted twice.

The Census must also include people without a permanent place to stay, so:

- If someone who has no permanent place to stay is staying here on April 1, 2010, count that person. Otherwise, he or she may be missed in the census.

1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2010?

Number of people = 2

2. Were there any additional people staying here April 1, 2010 that you did not include in Question 1? Mark ☒ all that apply.

☐ Children, such as newborn babies or foster children

☐ Relatives, such as adult children, cousins, or in-laws

☐ Nonrelatives, such as roommates or live-in baby sitters

☐ People staying here temporarily

☒ No additional people

3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home — Mark ☒ ONE box.

☒ Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? *Include home equity loans.*

☐ Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?

☐ Rented?

☐ Occupied without payment of rent?

4. What is your telephone number? We may call if we don't understand an answer.

Area Code + Number

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5. Please provide information for each person living here. Start with a person living here who owns or rents this house, apartment, or mobile home. If the owner or renter lives somewhere else, start with any adult living here. This will be Person 1.

What is Person 1's name? Print name below.

Last Name S M I T H

First Name J O H N MI L

6. What is Person 1's sex? Mark ☒ ONE box.

☒ Male ☐ Female

7. What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth? Please report babies as age 0 when the child is less than 1 year old.

Print numbers in boxes.

Age on April 1, 2010 5 6 Month 0 1 Day 3 1 Year of birth 1 9 5 4

→ **NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 8 about Hispanic origin and Question 9 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.**

8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

☒ No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

☐ Yes, Mexican, Mexican Am., Chicano

☐ Yes, Puerto Rican

☐ Yes, Cuban

☐ Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin — *Print origin, for example, Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on.* ↗

9. What is Person 1's race? Mark ☒ one or more boxes.

☐ White

☐ Black, African Am., or Negro

☒ American Indian or Alaska Native — *Print name of enrolled or principal tribe.* ↗

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☐ Asian Indian ☐ Japanese ☐ Native Hawaiian

☐ Chinese ☐ Korean ☐ Guamanian or Chamorro

☐ Filipino ☐ Vietnamese ☐ Samoan

☐ Other Asian — *Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.* ↗

☐ Other Pacific Islander — *Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on.* ↗

☐ Some other race — *Print race.* ↗

10. Does Person 1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else?

☒ No ☐ Yes — *Mark ☒ all that apply.*

☐ In college housing ☐ For child custody

☐ In the military ☐ In jail or prison

☐ At a seasonal or second residence ☐ In a nursing home

☐ For another reason

→ **If more people were counted in Question 1, continue with Person 2.**

Where you should be counted

Most people should be counted in the residence where they live or sleep most of the time. However, some individuals or groups have unique living situations. The Census Bureau residence rules help make it clear where people should be counted.

Typical living situations

Living Situation	Where they are counted
Live at home and nowhere else	At their home
On vacation or business trip	Their home where they live and sleep most of the time
Live no one place regularly OR are experiencing homelessness	The residence in which they are staying on Census Day

People in places where groups of people live

Living Situation	Where they are counted
Places where groups of people live such as jails or prisons, group homes, domestic violence shelters and emergency or transitional shelters for people experiencing homelessness	Group location

U.S. military personnel

Living Situation	Where they are counted
In barracks in the United States	The barracks
On base or off base in the United States, but not in the barracks	The residence where they live and sleep most of the time

Students

Living Situation	Where they are counted
Live at their parents' residence while attending college in the United States	Parental home
Live away from the parental home while attending college in the United States	On-campus or off-campus housing
Attend college outside the United States	Not counted in the census
Live away from the parental home while attending boarding school in the United States	Parental home

Foreign citizens in the United States

Living Situation	Where they are counted
Citizens of foreign countries living in the United States	The residence where they live and sleep most of the time
Foreign citizens visiting the United States on a vacation or business trip	Not counted in the census

People on the move

Living Situation	Where they are counted
Staying at more than one place (like a vacation home) or at a transitory location such as recreational vehicle (RV) parks, campgrounds, marinas, racetracks, circuses or carnivals	In the residence in which they live and sleep most of the time
	In the residence in which they are staying on Census Day, if time is divided equally

The Census Bureau keeps your answers confidential

IT'S EASY
One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete.

IT'S IMPORTANT
These 10 questions will help determine the need for schools, housing, roads and hospitals.

IT'S SAFE
By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your personal information with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

- This also includes:
- Tribal government officials
 - Tribal housing authorities
 - General tribal assistance
 - TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
 - WIC (Women, Infants and Children)
 - Tribal police
- All Census Bureau employees take an oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data.

Key 2010 Census Dates

March 2010
Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.

April 1, 2010
Census Day
Responses to the census form should include everyone living at your address. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's personal information with anyone, including other federal agencies, tribal agencies and law enforcement entities.

May - July 2010
Addresses that still have not responded are visited in person by a census worker beginning in late April through July. Census workers can be identified by a census badge and bag.

December 2010
The Census Bureau will provide the 2010 apportionment counts to the President by Dec. 31, 2010, which include the total population.

March 2011
Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

Dynamic Women conference, forum set for April 8 at ECU

Registration is now open for the 2010 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum, set for Thursday, April 8 at East Central University in Ada, Okla.

The conference and forum is open to everyone.

“The forum is a celebration of the lives and experiences of great women of the Chickasaw Nation - women who play a major role in formulating the next generation of Chickasaw women,” Gov. Bill Anoatubby said.

This year’s theme is “The Balanced Life.” Forum sessions will explore solutions for better health, greater spirituality, creativity and balanced leadership.

All-day sessions include “The Creative View,” “Spirituality,” and “Balanced Leadership,” with Oklahoma State Rep. and Chickasaw citizen Lisa Johnson Billy.

The luncheon, with keynote speaker Rep. Billy, begins at noon in the East Central University Ballroom. A dinner, beginning at 5 p.m., will precede the forum.

All sessions are free.

Luncheon and dinner tickets are \$10 each and must be purchased by April 2. Attendees may purchase both lunch and dinner tickets for \$16 total, and ECU student price per meal is \$8.

The Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Forum will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Estep Multimedia Center.

This forum is presented annually by the Chickasaw Clemente Humanities Studies program through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities in partnership with ECU.

The forum recognizes the valuable contributions, talents and skills of the dynamic women of the Chickasaw Nation.

Among the women who have served as forum panelists and moderators are artists, writers, educators, health professionals government leaders and elders.

Corresponding with the conference and forum will be a special exhibit entitled “Art of the Chickasaw Woman” in the University Center. This unique art show spotlights the spirit and creativity of Chickasaw women through visual art, pottery, textiles and other artworks. The exhibit runs from April 7 through April 23.

To register, purchase tickets or for more information, contact the Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or email laura.clark@chickasaw.net.

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2010 ‘Dynamic Woman of the Year’ nominations due July 9

The Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of the Year Award was established in October 2006 to honor one Chickasaw woman annually.

Recipients are recognized for significant contributions to the tribe and its people, serving as a positive role model for Chickasaw women, and for action that have greatly impacted the lives of Chickasaws and others.

Dynamic Woman of the Year candidates must be enrolled Chickasaw citizens and be at least 35 years old.

The honor is bestowed upon a Chickasaw woman who exemplifies the character, strength and values of the Chickasaw Nation and its people.

The deadline for nominations is July 9 and an award nomination form appears on this page.

Past Dynamic Woman of the Year award recipients are Dr. Teresa Shavney, Dr. Tina Cooper, State Rep. Lisa Johnson Billy and Dr. JudyLee Oliva.

2010 Chickasaw Nation Dynamic Woman of the Year

AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Deadline for nomination and supporting documents: Friday, July 9, 2010

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ABOUT THE NOMINEE YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS YEAR'S AWARD. Thank you for printing clearly.

Nominee's full name: _____

Address (if you know it): _____

City and state where currently residing: _____

Phone or cell phone of nominee: _____
Is this? ☐ home ☐ work ☐ cell

How long have you known the nominee? _____ ☐ years ☐ months

Your relationship to nominee: ☐ relative ☐ friend ☐ co-worker ☐ other _____

On separate paper, please include a detailed description of:

- Reason for nominee's importance
- Past and present activities of the nominee
- Accomplishments, awards and/or special honors
- Outstanding contributions to family, community and/or Chickasaw Nation
- Short biographical information (may include resume, vitae, newspaper or magazine articles, or other information)
- A recent photograph (black & white or color; returned after final selection is made)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR OUR RECORDS AND FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NOMINEE, IF REQUIRED.

Your name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Best phone to contact you: _____
Is this? ☐ home ☐ work ☐ cell

Please submit this form along with all documentation by July 9, 2010, to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities. Information may be submitted via:

Mail

Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts & Humanities
P.O. Box 1548
Ada, OK 74821

OR

Fax

(580) 272-5525

For questions, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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January 2010 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Macy Blackburn

Macy, daughter of Michael and Andrea Blackburn, of Stratford, Okla., is a January 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in 4-H.



Macy Blackburn

Macy is in the fourth grade at Stratford Elementary and was nominated by 4-H representative Shelly Gaines.

"Macy is an asset to the Stratford 4-H Club," said Ms. Gaines. "She is striving to 'Make the Best Better.'"

Macy is on the honor roll for academics and received a "Student of the Week" award this year. She placed first at the Garvin County Fair with a watermelon entry and received first place with the same entry at the State Fair of Oklahoma.

In her free time, Macy enjoys participating in dance clinics, science fairs, the 4-H club, Little League softball and basketball.

Macy's future plans are to be a rock star and own her own salon.

Matthew Blackburn

Matthew, son of Michael and Andrea Blackburn, of Stratford, Okla., is a January 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.



Matthew Blackburn

Matthew is in the sixth grade at Stratford Middle School and was nominated by coach Justin Bryant.

"Matthew is not only an excellent student, but an excellent young man," Mr. Bryant said. "Matt has a great attitude and is always willing to help out in any way. Matt excels in the classroom as well as on the athletic fields."

Matthew is on the academic honor roll and was "Student of the Month" in November 2009.

In his spare time Matt enjoys swimming, shooting hoops and riding four wheelers.

Matt's future plans are to attend college and become a coach.

Jacob Coplen

Jacob Coplen, son of Rhonda Sellers, of Ada, Okla., is a January 2010 recipient of the

Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.

Jacob is a senior at Latta High School and was nominated by marketing teacher Stacy Oakley.

"Jacob is a wonderful student," Mrs. Oakley said. "He is always willing to learn new things and is definitely not afraid to try. He helps others reach their goals inside and outside of the school environment."

His achievements include being on the honor roll and perfect attendance awards.

Jacob's hobbies include motocross and racing dirt bikes.

"Upon graduation I intend to go to East Central University in the fall," said Jacob. "I am not sure of my major yet, but plan to graduate and begin a career."

Kristen Galles

Kristen Galles, daughter of Pat and Pam Galles, of Ardmore, Okla., is a January 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.



Kristen Galles

Kristen is a senior at Plainview High School and was nominated by Plainview Indian education secretary Bobbi Young.

"Kristen has been named the most valuable player in softball and basketball, achieved all conference three times in softball, achieved all conference two times in basketball and is a two-time member of the Ardmoreite Super Team in both sports," said Ms. Young.

Kristen enjoys playing sports, hanging out with family and friends, riding horses and being outdoors.

"I plan on majoring in education, business or nursing," said Kristen.

Kelsey Greenwood

Kelsey, daughter of Jeff and Summer Greenwood, of Ada, Okla., is a January 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in



Kelsey Greenwood

Athletics.

Kelsey is a sophomore at Stratford High School and was nominated by sophomore teacher Mr. Steve Stevens.

"Kelsey is a leader in the classroom as well as on the field," said Mr. Tony Prichard. "Kelsey strives for perfection when playing softball."

Kelsey likes spending time with her friends and family, participating in a variety of extracurricular activities, riding four wheelers, playing fast-pitch softball, riding horses and camping.

"My future plans are to graduate high school, attend Murray State College, play college softball, become a physical therapist assistant and get a job with the Chickasaw Nation," said Kelsey.

Shana McNutt

Shana, daughter of Jamie McNutt, of Ada, Okla., is a January 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in All-Around Student.



Shana McNutt

Shana is in the fourth grade at Latta Elementary and was nominated by Ms. Bobbie Priest.

"Shana is a very caring and helpful student. She is always willing to do what is asked of her and more," said Ms. Priest. "Shana also handles her school work with pride and always finishes her assignments on time."

Shana's favorite colors are orange and blue and thinks Latta is a great school.

J. Christopher Perdue

Christopher, son of Philip and Susan Perdue, of Derwood, Maryland, is a January 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in 4-H.



J. Christopher Perdue

Christopher is a senior at Perdue Preparatory Academy and was nominated by mother Susan Perdue and teacher Mike Bradshaw.

"Chris is a faithful man of integrity whose influence is felt among his peers," said Mr. Bradshaw. "Chris has significant gifts in leadership, music and drama and works hard to

grow in these areas."

Chris was the 2009 Maryland 4-H Extemporaneous Public Speaking Champion and has received the Lawson King Award, the award for Best overall Score in Obedience, the most Blue Ribbons in Citizenship Award and was named King of the Montgomery County Fair.

Chris likes learning about English and history, listening to music, playing the cello, mandolin, bass guitar and piano. He also likes to sing and lead worship for the children at church.

"I plan to study cello performance in college," said Christopher. "Once I complete my degree, I plan to seek a position in an orchestra and do studio work."

Meghan J. Perdue

Meghan, daughter of Philip and Susan Perdue, of Derwood, Maryland, is a January 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Music.



Meghan Perdue

Meghan is a freshman at Perdue Preparatory Academy and was nominated by mother Susan Perdue and instructor Ms. Karen Duberstein.

"Meghan is an outstanding student," said Ms. Duberstein. "She is always very well prepared for class and demonstrates both a zeal to learn and a tenacity to do what it takes to 'get' the material."

Meghan has been asked to play for internationally known violinists such as Brian Lewis

and Annie Wolaver. She is currently studying with Lisa Sadowski, a faculty member at the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University.



Melody Perry

Meghan's hobbies include learning about art, history and English, playing music, working with her dog Sparky and horse Jewel as well as teaching adults and children how to play the violin.

"I want to go to college and study violin and music theory so I can write songs and teach people how to play the violin," said Meghan. "I really like orchestra and would like to be in a professional orchestra some day."

Melody Perry

Melody, daughter of Wanda DeMoss, of Ada, Okla., is a January 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Theatre/Drama.

Melody is a freshman at Latta High School and was nominated by Ms. Davida Smith.

"She is a very bright young lady with an even 'brighter' smile," said Ms. Smith. "Her enthusiasm is contagious."

Melody's favorite school subjects are speech and theatre.

"As I grow up, I dream of being an entrepreneur co-owning a massage therapy business with my brother," said Melody. "Until then, I'll study and work hard so I can get into a good college!"

CONTRIBUTED BY Brooke Tidwell, Public Affairs

WinStar golf discounts available to Chickasaw citizens, employees

WinStar Golf Course Offers Special Rates for Chickasaw Nation Citizens and Employees Discount of 40% off of regular rates effective through April 30, 2010

The current Chickasaw Nation discount is 25% off Mon. - Thurs. (\$37.50) and 10% off Fri. - Sun. and Holidays (\$62.10).

With this special offer, rates are now \$30.00 for weekdays and \$41.40 for weekends. Must show ID (Citizenship or employee badge) at check in. Expires: April 30, 2010 WinStar Golf Course takes tee times up to 7 days in advance.

For more information, call 866-466-1482 or 580-276-1240

Head Start students are challenged to read 250 books total. They read a total of 589 books! Their reward? Throwing pies at their teachers!

Read for the Stars! Reading challenge for the Chickasaw Nation Ada Head Start students



Rachel Turner classroom 1 teacher.



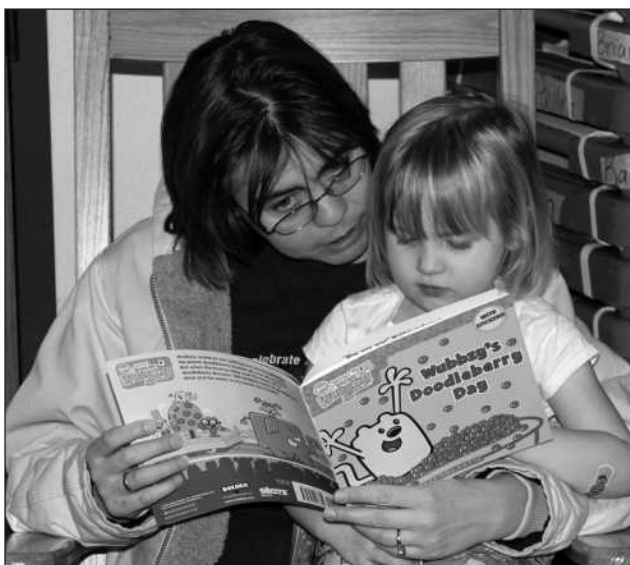
Tammy Walton classroom 4 teacher.



Rose McCarty classroom 2 teacher.



Rusti Barnes reads to Marcus McMarty during Family Read Night.



Priscilla Marshall reads to her daughter Elizabeth.



Brenda Stevens classroom 3 teacher.



Lt. Sonya Frazier reads to the students during Family Read Night, Feb. 12. After Lt. Frazier reads the book parents are encouraged to pick a book and read to their child anywhere in the Head Start center. Sack lunches were served to all in attendance as they left the building.



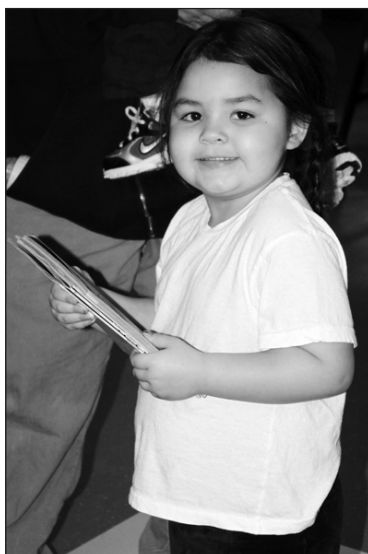
Brenda Stevens classroom 3 teacher "takes one for the team!"



Scott Morgan reads to his son, Garrett Morgan at Family Read Night.



Tjuana Hill reads to her daughter Elizabeth Jackson.



MaKayla Bolen



Students were treated to a visit by Duke and Snake Eyes during Family Read Night hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Ada Head Start.

Cobell settlement does not affect tribal trust cases

The recent settlement in the *Cobell v. Salazar* case involves federal trust responsibilities and financial management regarding lands allotted to individual Indians.

This is not a federal trust settlement to the Chickasaw Nation or other tribes with claims regarding tribal trust assets.

Only individual Native Americans with established Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts or other assets managed by the federal trust are eligible for any funds under the Cobell settlement.

The Cobell settlement involves federal mismanagement of more than 300,000 IIM accounts and other individual trust accounts.

These IIM accounts were established as a result of the General Allotment Act of 1887, also known as the Dawes Act. Under this legislation tribal lands were divided and allotted to individual tribal citizens.

While the provisions of the General Allotment Act did not include the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee, Creek and Seminole, a similar allotment arrangement was negotiated with the Five Tribes by the Dawes Commission.

Much of this land allotted to individual Indians across the U.S. (more than 50 million acres) was taken into trust by the federal government.

As trustee, the government has the the responsibility of

approving all leases and sales of natural resources on allotted lands and distributing the proceeds to Individual Indian account holders.

While the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 ended further allotment, much of the land allotted to individual Indians is still held in trust by the federal government.

The settlement sought in *Cobell* does not affect more than 140 tribal trust claims currently being litigated. The Native American Rights Fund is currently involved in 42 suits alleging federal mismanagement of tribal trust assets.

More than 100 other tribal cases based on claims of federal mismanagement of tribal

trust accounts are working their way through the federal court system.

If you believe you may be an IIM account holder, you can find out by going to www.cobellsettlement.com or by call-

ing 1-800-961-6109. In addition, the Bureau of Indian Affairs also offers assistance, and can be reached at 580-436-0784.

CONTRIBUTED BY Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Cobell deadline extended to April 16

A deadline for Congress to act on the \$3.4 billion settlement of the *Cobell v. Salazar* litigation has been extended to April 16, 2010. The original deadline for congressional action on the Dec. 8, 2009 settlement was Dec. 31.

This is the second deadline extension. On Dec. 29, when it became apparent Congress

would not meet the original deadline, parties in the case agreed to extend the deadline to Feb. 28.

Settlement of the case will not be final until it is formally approved by the U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia and Congress enacts legislation to implement the settlement.

Lead IIM trust case plaintiff Elouise Cobell answers questions

Elouise Cobell, the lead plaintiff in the *Cobell v. Salazar* case, is now accepting questions and writing a periodic open letter to answer as many question as possible.

Below is the text of the first letter, including an email address for those who have questions.

Ask Elouise

February 16, 2010

Dear Indian Country,

As many of you know, on December 7, 2009, we signed a settlement agreement with the government which marked the first step toward resolving the long running Cobell class action lawsuit. Since that time, I've been asked hundreds of questions about the case and the settlement agreement. I can't answer every question in one letter, but I am committed to writing an open Ask Elouise letter every week answering many of your important questions. If you have a question, send an e-mail to: askelouise@cobellsettlement.com, or send a letter to:

Ask Elouise

Cobell Settlement

PO Box 9577

Dublin, OH 43017-4877

When will I receive my funds?

It depends on when Congress passes legislation implementing the settlement and it is finally approved by the courts. The settlement agreement pro-

vides that the first payments should begin shortly after final approval and will continue for at least six months pursuant to Court order. I know many of you are concerned that it may take years to receive your share. That isn't true. We have designed a formula to ensure that won't occur.

When will the settlement be finally approved?

After legislation is passed, the district court will schedule a hearing to consider the settlement and decide whether to grant Preliminary Approval of the settlement. At that point, there will be a 2 - 3 month period where notice will be provided to class members after which a "Fairness Hearing" will be held so that the Court can hear any objections to the settlement. If the judge deems the settlement fair, then he will issue an order of "Final Approval." The court of appeals may then consider any appeal from class members. If there is no appeal, payments should begin sixty days following Final Approval. If the court of appeals accepts an appeal, payments could be substantially delayed.

When will Congress pass legislation approving the settlement?

I don't know when Congress will pass legislation. The parties agreed to extend the settlement agreement to February

28, 2010. I'm hopeful that legislation will be passed by then, but it might not happen. If it does not happen, I'll consult with our attorneys about our options.

How much will the attorneys be paid?

The Court will determine attorneys' fees, but the attorneys have signed a separate agreement with the government agreeing to not ask for more than \$99.9 million. This is less than 3% of the settlement funds - a very low percentage for attorneys in class action lawsuits. Consider that attorneys representing tribes under Indian Claims Commission Act generally received 10% as mandated by statute and attorneys involved in suits related to Enron received 9.5% (almost \$700 million). Many medical malpractice attorneys receive over 30%; and, the tobacco attorneys received billions of dollars and very few did more than file a complaint in order to immediately negotiate a settlement. Most cases don't even involve discovery, let alone go to trial, but our attorneys have prosecuted seven major trials in this case, litigated countless appeals, filed thousands of papers and reviewed tens of millions of pages of discovery without receiving due compensation for their services. I fully support the fee application. It is in fact unusually low for at-

torneys involved in complex, heavily litigated class action lawsuits. Frankly, I am concerned that if the legal fees for our attorneys are unreasonably low that will discourage competent lawyers from future representation of Native Americans in class action litigation against the government. It is also important to recognize that members of the class will have an opportunity to inform the Judge if they oppose the fee award.

How much will the named plaintiffs receive?

The Court will also determine amounts to be paid to the named plaintiffs for their time and costs, also called "incentive payments." This case was funded in large measure by the Blackfeet Reservation Development Fund ("BRDF"), a grass roots community development organization which assists Indian communities understand their trust assets. I have also

given a significant amount of money to the case out of my personal funds. Funds were used to pay for experts, class communications and costs related to the prosecution of this case. During settlement negotiations, we estimated that these costs were in the range of \$15 million. To date, very few of BRDF's costs have been reimbursed and I have never been reimbursed for funds that I've contributed to the prosecution of this case. No tribe has ever given money for this case.

In future Ask Elouise letters, I'll answer questions about how much you can expect to receive if the settlement is finally approved as well as questions related to the damages class included in the settlement agreement. Thank you for your commitment and patience during this long and difficult process.

Best wishes

Elouise

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Foundation Scholarships deadline is June 1

The Chickasaw Foundation offers a variety of scholarships. Each year the foundation application is offered in early spring and lists available scholarships along with their criteria and amounts.

Scholarship funding begins with each fall semester and is dependent upon the fund availability. Scholarship awards are payable directly to the students' designated colleges or universities. Requirements and amounts for each funding source may change during the course of a school year.

All scholarship applications must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline to be considered for funding.

The Chickasaw Foundation provides educational assistance for students who demonstrate excellence in academics, community service, dedication to Native America and a commitment to learning.

You Provide (Depending on the scholarship):

Two letters of recommenda-

tion from a school official or instructor.

Two letters of recommendation from a high school official or instructor who is knowledgeable of your academic ability and character. Note: Applicants of the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Scholarship require one letter from the Foundation's Upward Bound academic advisor that has been working with the student.

High school and/or college transcript (depends on classification).

Proof of enrollment for fall semester.

Typed essay describing long-term goals and plans to achieve them.

Copy of Chickasaw citizenship card or CDIB (depends on scholarship).

Copy of Your Chickasaw Nation employee badge holder.

Copy of ACT/SAT scores.

Proof of any honors, awards or achievements, participation in any clubs, societies, etc.

Thomas, Landreth are 2010 Foundation scholarship recipients

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce Joe Thomas as the spring 2010 recipient of the Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship, and Hannah Landreth as the spring 2010 recipient of the Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship.



Joe Thomas

Joe is currently a junior at the University of Oklahoma, majoring in Native American Studies. He has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 2009 academic semester.



Hannah Landreth

Joe is an active member of the Chickasaw Nation Service Learning Community, American Indian Student Association and the Arts and Sciences Dean's Advisory Board Committee. He recently attended and completed an internship in Washington, D.C., hosted by the Washington Internships for Native Students. He interned at the Department of the Interior in the office of Indian Energy and Economic Development.

Joe's future plans are to help preserve Native languages; be-

come a Choctaw/Chickasaw language instructor. He also wants to help give back to his tribe because he feels the Chickasaw Nation has done so much for him in his life. He wants to come back and work for the Nation after college in any field needed, particularly education and language.

Hannah Landreth is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma. She has a double major in bio-chemistry and Spanish with a double minor in medical humanities and Native American studies.

She was recently admitted to the Medical Humanities program which will help her to enter medical school. Her future plans include giving back to the Chickasaw Nation by offering her medical expertise to the Indian Health Service after graduation.

Once she has worked several years as a physician she plans on participating in medical missions with a focus on underdeveloped Latin American countries.

Proof of income.

Proof of acceptance to law school and law school transcript.

Eligibility: Eligibility requirements differ with each scholarship.

Cheyenne Wright is Student of the Month

Ms. Cheyenne Wright, a senior at Velma-Alma (OK) High School, has been selected as the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound (CFUB) Student of the Month for January 2010.

She has been an active participant in the CFUB program since she was a freshman. Cheyenne is in the honors program in American history, biology, world history and Spanish. She is actively involved with Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4H, holding the positions

Deadlines: Deadline to apply is June 1. Applicants will be notified by mid-July if they are selected to receive the scholarship.

You may contact our office

at (580) 421-9030 or send an e-mail to ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net for any information regarding our scholarships or to be placed on our scholarship mailing list.



Cheyenne Wright

of president and vice-president in FFA, and vice-president with 4H. She participated as the drum major for the Velma-Alma band and softball team captain in 2009.

Cheyenne takes part in community service activities as the leader of her church nursery and by helping her dad raise money for the volunteer fire department where he works. She volunteered for the Chickasaw Foundation's annual t-ball tournament as well as the

Chickasaw Nation's annual children's fair.

Cheyenne plans to attend Murray State College and pursue a double major in child development and biology. While attending college she would like to work for CFUB and share the knowledge she has gained to other students. Upon graduation she plans on becoming a second grade teacher.

Semi-annual Chickasaw Elders' Day set for May 7 at Kullihoma

KULLIHOMA - The Chickasaw Nation's semi-annual Elders Day is set for 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday, May 7 at Kullihoma.

The event is sponsored by the Cultural Resources Department of the tribal Division of History and Culture. A semi-annual event, Elders Day honors our tribal elders and provides

opportunities for elders to share their knowledge about the culture and traditions of the Chickasaw people.

"This is a time where the elders can get together and talk about the past," said Eddie Postoak, director of the Cultural Resources Department.

Elders will engage in traditional beading, dance, language

and hymns. They will also enjoy a traditional lunch.

Kullihoma is located seven miles east of Ada, Okla., on State Highway 1.

For more information, contact the Cultural Resources Department at (580) 332-8685.

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Bank2 increases home loans to Indian borrowers

Bank2 posted positive net income last year by helping people build better lives, according to president and CEO Ross Hill. The bank, owned by the Chickasaw Nation, made more than \$188 million in loans last year, most of those in the form of home loans to Native Americans.

"Governor Anoatubby's vision of this bank helping Native Americans from coast to coast has become a reality," said Mr. Hill. "We are changing Chickasaw lives every day and we're changing Native American lives across the country. It's a dream come true."

Mr. Hill said approximately 90 percent of all the loans the bank made last year were to Native Americans. Bank2 has made home loans to Native Americans in 40 states. Last year alone, the bank made about 1,000 home loans to Native Americans.

"We've made loans from Alaska to Florida and Maine to Hawaii," he said. "In August 2009, we received a state award from Hawaiian Housing Association for providing Native Hawaiian home loans. We have become the industry leader in providing Native American home loans. It is probably the most rewarding aspect of the business we are doing."

Bank2 Board member Neal McCaleb said the bank's relationship with Ginnie Mae is partly responsible for the success. Under the agreement with

Ginnie Mae, home loans made to Native American customers are 100 percent insured by the Federal Housing Administration.

"That's the reason we are outperforming all these other peer banks in the region," Mr. McCaleb said. "We are a banking center for Native American home loans."

That model not only helps Native Americans gain access to the American dream of home ownership, it also boosts the bottom line. Bank2 set records for return on equity, total loans made and net profit in FY 2009, which enabled the bank to return \$100,000 to the Chickasaw Nation in the form of a dividend.

Because the loans originate across the United States, Bank2 has established relationships with customers from coast to coast, which has helped the bank prosper despite national trends.

"The federal government, and regulators and the news media are trying to tell you that banks are not making loans," Mr. Hill said. "But we make loans at Bank2, and we make a ton of loans to Native Americans. And obviously, by our statistics, Native Americans repay their loans."

More than nine percent of home loans are delinquent nationwide, reported by the Mortgage Bankers Association for the third quarter of 2009. Delinquency rates on Bank2

loans are about one and one-half percent.

Bank2 also makes a number of business loans to Chickasaws and other Native Americans. In December, 2009, Bank2 made the largest single loan in its history, a \$7 million loan to a Chickasaw businessman in Oklahoma.

"It's easy to make loans, but it's not easy to make loans that get paid back promptly in this environment," Mr. McCaleb said. "Our loan losses are among the lowest, percentage-wise, of any bank in our peer group."

Bank2 has also become an industry leader in Internet banking.

"We came up with this idea of a virtual branch and the idea of putting a branch bank in the businesses and in the homes of our customers," said Mr. Hill.

In Feb. 2009, Bank2 began offering an online checking account which pays interest on deposits.

Because the demand grew so quickly for that product, the bank had to stop marketing it on a national level. The checking account is currently available to Chickasaws, Oklahomans or customers who have loans with the bank.

The bank also offers an Internet based savings account. Customers are able to make deposits, pay bills, transfer funds and apply for mortgage loans online.

"We are really focusing and

building an Internet presence," said Mr. Hill. "Our site rivals any major bank in the country and being enhanced every year. We have Chickasaws in Washington, D.C., California,

Texas and New Mexico who are banking with us. They never had that opportunity before. So this is a great enhancement."

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Bank2 statistics at a glance

Total Assets - \$90,131,923
Total Equity - \$11,278,691*
Total Net Income - \$913,822*
Return on Assets - 1.04 percent*
Return on Equity - 10.2 percent*
Total loans made in 2009 - \$188,000,000*

(Approximately 90 percent of loans were made to Native Americans)*

Percent of loans past due - 0.44%* (Industry Leading)

Loan to deposit ratio - 91 percent

*Record for the bank

Newcastle Pacer receives Sequoyah Award as top paper



Newcastle Pacer publisher Robin Wilson, left, accepts the Sequoyah Award from Oklahoma Press Association president Gloria Trotter.

For the fourth time in five years, *The Newcastle (OK) Pacer* has been honored as a top Oklahoma newspaper.

The Pacer is owned by the Chickasaw Nation. During the annual Oklahoma Press Association's Winter Convention in February, *The Pacer* received the Sequoyah Award for the best newspaper in its division.

The Sequoyah Award is presented during the Better Newspaper Contest to the publication displaying the best attributes in 12 categories. *The Pacer* placed first in Sales Promotion for the "Pigskin Press Pass" and for the paper's Sports Coverage. The paper also placed either second, third or fourth in eight other categories.

Pacer publisher Robin Wilson said, "Our team at *The Newcastle Pacer* is like no other, and that is proven each year. The

dedication, commitment, encouragement and inspiration of others are what our paper is all about."

The Pacer competes in Division 6: weekly newspapers with a circulation between 1,100-1,599 subscribers. *The Pacer* competed against 29 other state publications.

With 10 wins out of 12 categories, *The Pacer* ended up with a total point value of 720; the closest competitor compiled 430 points.

"Wow! I feel so very fortunate to be a part of a staff that strives to provide our readers and community the very best coverage they deserve," said Victoria Middleton, *Pacer* managing editor.

The Pacer serves the community of Newcastle, Okla., located in the northern portion of the Chickasaw Nation.

Elders' Valentine Banquet



The Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging hosted the annual Elders' Valentine Banquet and Coronation Feb. 16 in Tishomingo, Okla. During the event, seniors enjoyed lunch and danced to swing and country songs played by Dusty Rhoads and the Ada Playboys. Traditionally, Valentine King and Queens from each senior center were crowned in the coronation ceremony. Pictured above with Kings standing and Queens seated are Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, Jerry and Bonnie Watkins, Purcell; Wayne and JoAn King, Duncan; Joe and Ruby Palmer, Oklahoma City; Jerry and Asynthia Long, Ardmore; Neil and Trecia Alford, Connerville; Ronald and Vivian Murray, Madill; Rufus and Ramona Eyachabbe, Tishomingo; Larry and Katrinka Skinner, Achille; Bart and Anetta Hensley, Pauls Valley; Joe Howard and Christine Tillery, Sulphur; James and Patsy Perry, Ada and division administrator Karen Cook. Not pictured are Johnny and Mary Emarthla, the King and Queen for the Kullihoma senior center.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA ADA Youth Arts Month Celebration March 27, (580) 272-5520 After School Program March 29-May 7, (580) 272-5509 Revenge of the Bulls April 9-10, (580) 421-7728 Heart Warming Clothing Give Away April 10, (580) 436-7256 Children's Fair April 24, (580) 436-3980 CONNERVILLE Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m. Tony Poe, 580-421-4994 KINGSTON Chickasaws of Texoma Quarterly Meetings at 6:30 p.m. Ruth McAdoo, (580) 564-6803 Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Sarah Lea, (580) 564-4570 NEWCASTLE Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303 OKLAHOMA CITY OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council 1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Linda O'Hagan, 405-350-3311	PURCELL Purcell Chickasaw Community Council 4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. John Hobbs, 405-922-3926 TISHOMINGO Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m., every other month Ann Fink, 580-371-3351 ARIZONA Chickasaws of Arizona Quarterly meetings- Phoenix, AZ Angie Ott, 480-834-7309 CALIFORNIA Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council Quarterly Meetings-Ontario, CA William Chandler, 714-604-5224 Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection Chickasaw Outreach, 866-466-1481 COLORADO Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado Quarterly Meetings- Denver area Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637 KANSAS Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita Quarterly Meetings- Wichita, KS Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-945-9219 or Pam Harjo, 316-393-0696 LOUISIANA Northern Louisiana Chickasaws Quarterly Meetings- Monroe, LA Chickasaw Outreach, 866-466-1481	NEW ENGLAND New England Chickasaws Quarterly Meetings- Enfield, CT Chickasaw Outreach, 866-466-1481 NEW MEXICO New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council Quarterly Meetings- Albuquerque, NM Vadare Cornelison, 505-332-1776 NORTH CAROLINA Chickasaws of North Carolina Quarterly Meetings- Fayetteville, NC Chickasaw Outreach, 866-466-1481 OREGON/WASHINGTON Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council Quarterly Meetings- Portland, OR Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401 TEXAS Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas 2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.- Austin, TX Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919 Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas 2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.- San Antonio, TX Michele Moody, 210-492-2288 North Texas Chickasaw Community Council 3rd Saturday at 2:00 p.m.- Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692 Texarkana Chickasaws Quarterly Meetings- Texarkana, TX Chickasaw Outreach, 866-466-1481
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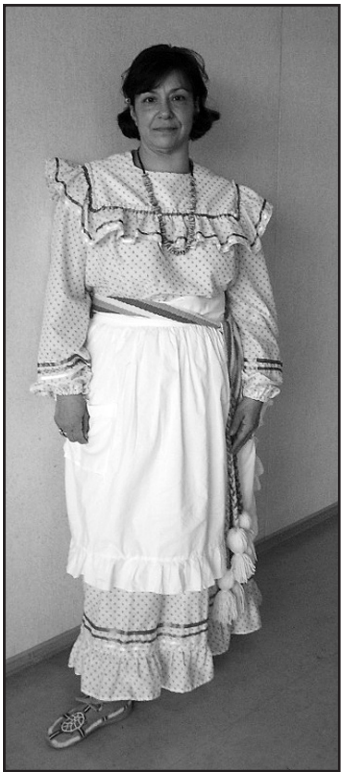
The third Pacific Northwest Council meeting was successfully greeted with about 40 people in attendance. After sharing in a potluck filled with wonderful goodies, citizens received an in-depth overview from Deborah Hook, manager of Chickasaw Nation Education Services, regarding the various education benefits available through the tribe.

Everyone received a copy of the spiral-bound 2009-2010 Education Services handbook which lists all scholarships and benefit programs available to both local and at-large citizens. Additionally the book contains all applications necessary and lots of useful information for those striving for a higher education. For those unable to

join us, information can be obtained from Ms. Hook by contacting her at (580) 421-7711 or Deborah.hook@chickasaw.net.

Also in attendance at the meeting was Advisory Committee member Rena Smith who came adorned in her handmade Chickasaw dress, moccasins and jewelry. The spring council meeting will be held Saturday, May 22 at Vancouver WA's Marshall Community Center from 1:30-4:30. Speaker is yet to be determined.

Lastly, this summer will mark our one-year anniversary as a new council and the advisory team would like your input on how best to celebrate this crowning milestone achievement. Contact Rena, (503) 543-7401, or Kim, (503) 819-3097 with any suggestions, ideas or questions.



Pacific Northwest Council member Rena Smith in traditional dress.

Youth Art Month celebration March 27 at Community Center

Blow dart art, tribal air-brushed tattoos, a photo booth and the making of edible Play-Doh are just a few examples of fun art-themed activities at this year's Youth Art Month celebration.

The carnival-like event will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada. The event is hosted by the tribal Division of Arts and Humanities.

The event supports Youth Art Month by showcasing the fun and educational aspects of art.

During the celebration, Oklahoma State Poet Laureate Jim Barnes will present awards to the winners of the Chickasaw Creative Writing Contest is set

during the celebration.

Performances by the Chickasaw Children's Choir, Chickasaw Theatre Company and live music are also on the agenda.

Established in 1961, Youth Art Month is sponsored by The Council for Art Education, Inc., and the Art & Creative Materials Institute. It is celebrated each March to emphasize the value of art and art education for all children.

The Chickasaw Community Center is located at 700 North Mississippi. For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or email laura.stewart@chickasaw.net.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

Raising healthy kids

Tribal kids health and fitness program teaches steps to active life



From left, Shondra McCage, exercise specialist, Dr. Stephen O'Grady, Deb Provence, R.N. and dietitian Melissa Vavricka Conaway (not pictured) are leading the fight against childhood obesity in the Tribal Kids Health and Fitness Program. The team guided the students and the families through the 90-day program which teaches healthy lifestyles and exercise.

ADA, Okla. - It's been called the number one health issue in the country. Now, an innovative tribal program is working combat it.

Childhood obesity is the target of the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center, located in Carl Albert Indian Health Facility in Ada.

The program, Chickasaw

Nation Kids Health and Fitness Program, employs a team approach to coach kids and parents along the steps to a healthier life.

The program was implemented to help combat childhood obesity rates, which have more than doubled in the past 30 years, according to the Centers for Disease Control and

About the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center

The diabetes care center provides medical, educational, nutritional and exercise services to those who qualify. Additional services include specialized diabetes prevention program, foot care, retinal photography,

dental hygiene and behavioral health. Medical services are by appointment and require referral from a CNDH primary medical provider, Same Day Clinic provider, or IHS provider.

Prevention.

Native American students, ages six to 18, who are at a high risk to develop diabetes, are the principal targets of the program.

Students are referred to the program by their primary care physicians.

Parents and students make commitments to attend six sessions during a 90-day period to get on the path to a healthy lifestyle.

The team of Carl Albert pediatrician Dr. Stephen O'Grady, dietitian Melissa Vavricka Conaway, exercise specialist Shondra McCage, and Deb Provence, R.N., guide the students and the families through the 90-day program.

"Our goal is to get the parents involved," said Provence.

Six sessions focus on healthy eating and exercise.

By lending a hand now, said Dr. O'Grady, chances are reduced a child may develop diabetes and other diseases later in life.

"As an adult, obesity can translate into heart and kidney disease," Dr. O'Grady said. "We are seeing it at an earlier age. We try to educate the families and empower them."

"Native Americans are at a higher risk - about 50 percent higher - of developing the health issues associated with being overweight."

Nutrition education including food portion control, healthy

snacks, the food pyramid, visual demonstrations about sugar content in soft drinks is a part of the sessions.

The first visit includes a private initial evaluation among the family and the medical professionals.

The remaining sessions are group settings.

Parents and caregivers are educated on healthy lifestyles, including a question-and-answer session and problem solving.

After group exercises, students and parents meet with the nutritionist to learn about healthy food choices.

A generous amount of fun is folded into each session.

In subsequent sessions, students take the lead do the exercises they want.

Most partner up in the activities, McCage said, and help mo-

tivate each other during their paces.

Weight loss is not the focus of the program, Provence said, rather it's the amount of inches lost that matters.

Obtainable goals are assigned to each student, such as playing less video games and exercising 15 minutes a day.

"We see if they have been met every week and if they are not met the goals are tweaked so the kids can be successful," said McCage.

When goals are obtained, rewards are given, such as passes to Lazer Zone Family Fun Center in Ada.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center at (800) 421-4572.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

Full-time positions open at the Chickasaw Nation Health System

The Chickasaw Nation Health System has full-time, immediate openings within the tribal boundaries for qualified medical personnel in the following specialties:

- 1 General Surgeon, Ada
- Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant, Ardmore

For details on any of the professional positions listed above, please contact:

Ronnie Shaw, Professional Recruiter

Chickasaw Nation Health System

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Tribe, Valley View host women's heart healthy 'Go Red' event

ADA, Okla. - In an effort to raise awareness about the affects of heart disease in women, the Chickasaw Nation and Valley View Regional Hospital co-hosted the "Go Red for Women" Ada Heart Fair, Fashion Show and Luncheon Saturday, February 20, at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center.

"We are excited to be able to work with our community partners to offer the Go Red for Women Heart Fair," said Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chickasaw Nation Division of Health Administrator. "The knowledge shared will provide local families with a wealth of information and ideas. Hopefully, we will encourage and teach both parents and children how to

prevent life-altering diseases such as heart disease and foster the importance of overall wellness."

Guest speakers included cardiologist Dr. Fionnuala Gurley of Valley View Regional Hospital; administrator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health; and cardiologist Dr. Timothy Medcalf of Oklahoma Cardiovascular Associates.

Participants received educational materials regarding women and heart disease, as well as free giveaway items.

For more information, please contact Barbara Quinlan at (580) 421-4533.

CONTRIBUTED BY Karissa Pickett, Public Affairs



Alicson Scott and Tiffany Grant demonstrate a fun, interactive Q&A game with participants.

CHICKASAW
HEALTH
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CENTER

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Located in the main lobby of Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, the Chickasaw Health Information Center (CHIC) is a free online health information center for patients, family members and staff. The center is equipped with computers and one kiosk with Internet access to the National Library of Medicine (NLM) databases. The goal of CHIC is to assist patients in making informed health choices, and to encourage patients to actively participate in their health care. The NLM website has information on medical diagnosis, medications, prevention, the latest medical research and published medical articles. Also included is information on the "Speak Up" Program which

is a national campaign to encourage patients to be informed and take an active role in communicating with their health care team.

Visit www.chicresources.net

2010 Children's Fair set for April 24 at Pontotoc County Agriplex

The 2010 Children's Fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the Pontotoc County Agriplex.

The event celebrates Week of the Young Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to participate.

This year's event will feature performances by several Chickasaw Nation groups as well as a fashion show, baby party, diaper dash and much more!

The Children's Fair is sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation.

For more information, contact Deanna Carpitche at (580) 421-4591.

Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Lori Dodson, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

CNHS At-Large case manager will help

Are you a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries? Would you like more information on Health System programs available to you?

If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.

Oklahoma Optical

Oklahoma Optical is located at 1005 North Country Club Road in Ada, Oklahoma.

A new showroom and large display area makes finding the right style more convenient for customers!

Oklahoma Optical is open to everyone.

For more information, please contact Dixie Ernst-Phillips at (580) 332-2796.

Blood sugar check



Joyce Simpson has her blood sugar checked during the 'Go Red for Women' event in February.

The Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! Program Announces Classes

Ada Nutrition Services, 518 E. Arlington

April 6: 10 a.m. and noon

April 8: 10 a.m. and noon

April 13: 10 a.m. and noon

April 15: 10 a.m. and noon

For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook

April 7: 10 a.m. and noon

April 14: 10 a.m. and noon

April 15: 6 p.m.

For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.

April 6: 10 a.m. and noon

April 7: 10 a.m. and noon

April 13: 10 a.m. and noon

April 14: 10 a.m. and noon

For more information, call (580) 226-8289.

Purcell Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.

April 6: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

April 8: 10 a.m. and noon

April 13: 10 a.m. and noon and 7 p.m.

April 15: 10 a.m. and noon

For more information, call (405) 527-6967.

These exciting cooking shows are free and open to the public and demonstrate healthy cooking for the entire family! Leave with recipes, nutrition education and new ideas to cook healthier every day! Classes offered on each day feature the same recipes during the times of availability.

K.M.J's Handyman Services

517 W. 9th Street, Ada
(580) 235-8772

Chickasaw Citizen

Te Ata and Nellie Shepherd Cross Paths in 1919

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Note: This piece complements the article on page 1, regarding the recent unveiling of the Nellie Shepherd oil portrait of Te Ata at the Oklahoma State Capitol, where the painting will be on permanent display.

Te Ata's Debut

When the curtains on the stage were drawn apart, making that clinking-clanking sound of rope sliding over pulleys, Oklahoma College for Women (OCW) senior Mary Thompson stood in the spotlight.

But this beautiful, statuesque 24-year old Chickasaw was introduced to the audience in the auditorium as "Te Ata," a childhood name that she thought more appropriate for her Native American program. Her solo performance featured traditional native musical themes and tribal folklore that had been adapted to dramatic presentations by Te Ata and her mentor and the head of OCW's drama department, Frances Davis.

Te Ata wore an attractive, pale yellow, doeskin Kiowa dress, which looked like it had been tailor-made for her. Actually, though, the dress had been borrowed for the occasion from Ms. Davis. The audience applauded politely. Many had come to see what they'd heard was a new type of performer. But one among them appraised the Chickasaw woman differently—with the detachment of an impressionist painter who was contemplating Te Ata's image on her canvas.

Te Ata's performance began with a dramatic retelling of a story of an Indian woman who had been captured by another tribe. Later, she changed into a Chickasaw calico dress and also changed persona as she variously recounted the creation of the world and told traditional stories of romance, war, and death.

After she dramatized four native songs and four short tribal legends, Te Ata closed with a metaphor representing the forces that were destroying the Indians' way of life. The metaphor was a spider's web anchored on the stage. As she danced to the crescendoing music and spoke the words of Charles Cadman's *The Moon Drops Low*, she became enmeshed in the web, and as the curtain closed, she was trying to claw free.

The audience rose and cheered for several minutes.

Although this solo performance before an audience was a graduation requirement for all senior drama students at OCW, it marked Te Ata's professional debut as a performance artist. That's what she wrote on the printed program that I found among her large collection of papers in 1995. She died that same year, just a month or so short of her 100th birthday.

The paper program was undated, but Te Ata had written "1919" on it, which coincided with the year of her graduation from OCW, located at Chickasha, Oklahoma. (It is now the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.) Probably performed near the end of the academic year in April or May, the event turned out to be a debut because it was Te Ata's first non-student or non-family audience. Among the audience members were people who likely had a hand in arranging her first paid bookings in Edmond and Norman, Oklahoma, and Dallas, Texas, as a performance artist.

The money she earned would tide her over financially until a few days after her college graduation, when she would join the Chautauqua summer

circuit in Lincoln, Nebraska. This had been arranged in March 1919, following a tryout in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, with a Chautauqua talent scout contacted by the mother of Frances Davis.

Although no list of the audience exists, Frances Davis would have left no stone unturned in ensuring that the most important people for her star pupil were present. And that would have included the previously alluded to impressionist painter—the head of OCW's art department, Nellie Shepherd. Following three years of study in Paris, France (1907–1910), she returned to Oklahoma City and launched her career as a painter. She joined the college faculty in 1917.

Nellie Shepherd, Painter

Of course, Shepherd, born in 1877, always had artistic talent; the entire Shepherd family did. The parents, George T. and Martha Ellen, and their eight children came to Oklahoma Territory in the 1889 Land Run and claimed 160 acres located on land encompassing, in part, where Shepherd Mall stands today in near northwest Oklahoma City. The Shepherd family was part of the Oklahoma City population of 4,138 after the Land Run.

Martha encouraged and supported all of her children interested in making art. Nellie, 24, and sister, Leona, attended an art school in 1901 in Cincinnati, Ohio, and then met and studied under a French artist for an unknown period of time. That artist was instrumental in getting Nellie accepted to study painting at an academy in Paris. She was accompanied by her sister Nettie in 1907, thus missing Oklahoma statehood day celebrations later that year. For more than three years, Nellie studied painting under various artists, including her favorite, the famous impressionist Henri Martin.

Nellie drank deeply of the Paris cultural and social scenes. In an excellent article on Nellie in a 2003 issue of the *Oklahoma Gazette*, Marie Doezeema selected from a treasure trove of correspondence between the sisters to describe Nellie's life in Paris. Doezeema told me she found the letters stored (but not archived) at the Oklahoma Heritage Association (OHA).

(Unfortunately for me, and anyone else interested in Nellie Shepherd's life, the collection of letters and papers were lost or stolen during the months in 2007 when OHA changed locations, according to OHA president Shannon Rich.)

From these letters, Doezeema wrote that Nellie lived in the Latin Quarter for a time and also at 209 Boulevard Raspail. (You can see the location in reference to well-known Paris landmarks by entering the address via Google Earth.) Nellie wrote home about the latest Paris fashions, fabulous food, museums, a busy social calendar, and last but not least, her art classes, which included a "live model daily."

Despite her social swirl, Nellie was highly motivated with an "extraordinary capacity for hard work," according to a 1910 *Daily Oklahoman* article. Under Martin's tutelage, Nellie's painting focused on people and nature. And like him, she became an



Remnant of a meeting. This portrait of the 24-year-old Te Ata was painted by Nellie Shepherd probably in the spring of 1919 before both artists left the Oklahoma College for Women to pursue different career paths. One path stretched 60 years into the future, the other's career and life ended in little more than a year.

impressionist, which is characterized by the artist's focus on light and his or her own visual experience, not the actual depiction of their subjects. Short, thick strokes of paint quickly captured the essence of the subject rather than details.

During her years in Paris, Nellie was one of countless artists moving about the city and countryside filling canvases with images that they hoped would attract attention and buyers. One article noted that Henri Martin predicted a bright future for Nellie, but the article lacked elaboration and the source for his opinion.

Nevertheless, Nellie did achieve a tangible benefit before leaving Paris. Her life-sized painting of her sister, *Portrait of Lottie*, was exhibited and won an honorable mention in the 1910 Paris Grand Salon. Her painting was one of only two American paintings selected to be exhibited out of some 800 that were submitted.

It was no accident that one of her portraits was so honored. One art critic wrote that Shepherd "is an alert and thoughtful student of human nature. It is this insight into the human psychology that has fitted her to become a portrait painter." She continued: "Night often finds her in the streets of Paris sketching the working classes, the flower-girl, apple-woman, boulevardier, gendarme, and countless other types that pass in the nightly promenade."

Her sister Leona wrote from Oklahoma that she

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was “not surprised at your success. I expect wonderful things will come now. There is nothing too high to expect of you if you were able to catch Lottie’s elusive smile.”

Perhaps receiving this honor and the accompanying plaudits signaled to Nellie, now 33, that it was time for her to begin her career as an artist full time. She was also homesick, coming from a family as close as the Shepherds. After a tour of Italy with Nettie and Lottie, they set sail from Naples, and by the fall of 1910, had a joyous homecoming in Oklahoma City.

When she returned to Oklahoma City, its population had swelled to more than 64,000 and an active civic and cultural leadership was leading the capitol city into the 20th century. After Nellie, she co-founded the Oklahoma Art League, a forerunner of the Oklahoma City Museum of Art. One of the league’s first exhibitions featured some of Nellie’s oil paintings and sketches, which she had produced in France.

A 1910 news article described her as “being on the sunny side of thirty,” (incorrectly as I understand the meaning of sunny side) with a “slender figure, dark eyes and hair and displaying a fondness for contrasting red, which she effects a great deal in dress.” Photographs show that she and her sisters also favored large flowered hats.

After this exhibit, Nellie’s career plans were suspended following a family tragedy. In February, her sister Nettie developed an infection that turned to sepsis, which activated a blood clotting cascade and quickly killed her. The family was shocked and still reeling when later in 1911, according to Doezeema’s article, both Shepherd parents died. Unfortunately, the circumstances surrounding their deaths were not revealed. Learning of the family tragedy, French friends of Nellie sent messages of comfort across the Atlantic. One former teacher urged her to find comfort in her work: “Be courageous, the color will come back in your spirit.”

Nellie tried. She moved to Colorado with sisters Myrtle and Edith, and began painting again, but then, according to Doezeema, she moved to Arizona. There she painted portraits of Pima Indians and landscapes. But her move to Arizona might have been motivated more as a way to improve her health. Family letters reveal that she was periodically ill. Perhaps she already had contracted tuberculosis (TB).

TB bacteria move into the airways in the lungs, causing large air spaces to form. Filled with oxygen—which the bacteria need to survive—the air spaces make breathing difficult and they make an ideal breeding ground for the bacteria. The bacteria may then spread from the cavities to the rest of the lungs and other parts of the body.

TB treatments were modest. Improving social and sanitary conditions and ensuring adequate nutrition were thought to strengthen the body’s defenses against the TB bacillus. Also, relocating to a desert climate was helpful to those like Nellie who could afford it.

Apparently, she moved back to Oklahoma City in 1916, but spent periods studying and exhibiting in Chicago and Kansas City. Either her health had improved or she had chosen to make the most of her

career while managing her life-threatening illness as best she could.

It is hard to tell how productive she was during this period. But in 1917, when she joined the OCW faculty, the active part of her career as an artist seems to have been over. She had tutored private art students in Oklahoma City, which allowed plenty of time to paint if she felt up to it. But by taking the faculty position at OCW, she had moved on to full-time teaching. Her illness was probably under control or it is unlikely that she would have been hired.

Nellie and Te Ata Make Art

The focus of Nellie Shepherd’s portrait of Te Ata is her beautiful, sensitive face. However, Nellie’s impressions of the young artist emanated more from Nellie’s witnessing her debut performance than from Te Ata’s formally posing for the portrait. I believe Nellie was in the audience for two reasons: she was part of the small OCW community (and an even smaller community of artists), but more importantly, she couldn’t have painted Te Ata the way she did had she not observed the performance.

For it was imbuing herself in her serious, dignified material that gave rise to the solemn expression that most people initially notice in the portrait. Upon further review, other qualities materialize. While her face is delicate and sensitive, her intelligence radiates through her penetrating, thoughtful gaze. The upward tilt of her chin and the large, liquid, unflinching eyes suggest confidence and pride in being Indian.

Everything else in the 47-inch by 35-inch painting is subordinate to or complements her face. Only in context is it apparent that she is wearing an Indian dress, and most likely it was the borrowed pale yellow dress from the performance. But in the portrait, the dress has little detail except for some indistinct fringe, and is colorless except for some red accents.

Sitting presumably on a stool with her hands folded on her lap, Te Ata is beautifully framed and accented by squiggly brush strokes, predominately muted oranges and ivory on her left, and rich blues on her right, representing differences in the ambient lighting of the setting.

In my biography of Te Ata, I wrote that the painting looks unfinished because Te Ata’s dress, arms, and folded hands lack definition. But when I checked out Internet sites, including impressionist portraits by Nellie Shepherd and her mentor Henri Martin, I found a similar lack of definition in portions they weren’t emphasizing.

But in one sense, Nellie Shepherd may not have been finished. Against the white of the doeskin dress, a few very faint, vertical and horizontal pencil lines can be seen today. While we don’t know if the artist drew the lines, one guess is that if she did she might have been planning to make prints of a portion of the portrait.

The sitting probably didn’t take long because impressionists are known to work quickly. This would be fitting in the sense that both artists met and crossed paths briefly. Te Ata was at the beginning of a distinguished 60-year career punctuated with many high points. Nellie, whose illness made her old before her time, was nearing the end of a remarkable but relatively brief career. And yet, the high quality of the Te Ata portrait demonstrates that her talent was undiminished.

No letters or oral accounts exist that speak to what Te Ata thought about her portrait. She certainly had no money to buy it, even if Nellie had been inclined

to sell it to her. At any rate, they both left Chickasha at the end of the school year. Te Ata traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska, to join a Chautauqua circuit touring that summer. Nellie, according to Marie Doezeema’s article, moved to Colorado “seeking better weather and health.”

In March 1920, Lottie wrote that Nellie was doing well. But in early May, she had taken a turn for the worse. Sometime in early 1920, Nellie and Lottie moved to Tucson, Arizona, undoubtedly once again seeking a remedy that had become elusive and perhaps illusory. On July 18, 1920, Nellie Shepherd’s struggle ended. She was only 43. Although the archives of The Oklahoman contain numerous articles about Nellie or at least mention her, no obituary could be found.

However, her passing was included in the November 8, 1920, minutes of Oklahoma City’s Art Renaissance Club. The meditation read, in part, “Ever cheerful and optimistic, spontaneous and genial, Nellie gave untiring devotion to her art and loyalty to her friends. We honor and cherish her memory.”

Readers may contact Richard Green at Richard.Green@Chickasaw.net or 405-947-5020.

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Chickasaw West annual meeting set for June 5

The annual gathering of Chickasaw West is set for Saturday, June 5.

The group will gather at Santee Lakes at Santee, Calif., picnic area D. The gathering will begin at 9 a.m. and run through 5 p.m.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be served at noon. Organizers ask that you please bring a dish to share, and also encourage attendees to bring lawn chairs.

Chickasaw man awaiting liver transplant

A Chickasaw man’s family and support group are seeking assistance as the man awaits a transplant.

Patrick Kennedy is at Integris Medical Center in Oklahoma City awaiting a liver transplant. Mr. Kennedy requires the

There is an entrance fee to Santee Lakes of \$5 per vehicle, and parking is next to the picnic area. In case of rain, a covered area is available.

Fishing, paddle boats and canoe rentals are available.

Santee Lakes is within 60 miles of several San Diego-area attractions.

For directions and other information, call Sharon Tandy at (818) 985-8392

transplant to survive.

His family and support group are raising funds to offset the charges not covered by Medicare.

For more information, contact Brenna Kennedy at wildcat_ndn@yahoo.com

Kullihoma turkey hunt applications due March 23

The deadline to apply for permits for the Spring Turkey Hunt and the Special Youth Hunt at Kullihoma is fast approaching.

Permit requests may be picked up at the Chickasaw Nation Conservation and General Ranger Department, 221 N. Rennie, Ada. All permit requests must be completed and returned to the department no later than 5 p.m. on March 23.

Dates for the Spring Turkey Hunt are April 6 through May 6. Toms may be taken with a traditional bow and arrow or shotgun.

The is a 1-tom limit at Kullihoma, and only one tom may be taken.

Dates for the Special Youth Hunt are April 3 and 4. All youth hunters must have completed the Oklahoma Hunter Education Class and possess the Oklahoma Hunter Education Card. Youth hunters must be accompanied at all times by an adult during the hunt. Youth hunters may take one tom with traditional bow and arrow or shotgun.

All harvested turkeys must be reported to the Ranger Department, (580) 310-6466.

The department will host a sight-in and pattern for your shotgun on Saturday, March 20 from 9 a.m. through noon.

For questions, please call the Ranger Department at (580) 310-6466.



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Chickasaw Citizen



Special Permit Request

Spring Turkey Hunt on Tribal Land – Kullihoma Reservation

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Vehicle: Car or Truck

Make: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

Year: _____ Tag #: _____ Emergency Contacts# _____

Must include copy of your CDIB

If the request is for a youth please designate by writing YOUTH at the top of request.

VA online Agent Orange site now available for Vietnam veterans

For Chickasaws and other military veterans who served in Vietnam, information is now available online regarding Agent Orange and specific illnesses associated with the herbicide.

Veterans can now go to www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange to view information regarding illnesses associated with Agent Orange and Veterans Administration programs available to veterans who were exposed.

Agent Orange was used during the Vietnam War to defoliate trees and other cover. About 2.6 million American military personnel were potentially exposed to the defoliant.

The new web connection was announced recently by U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki.

The secretary has added three illnesses – B cell leukemias, Parkinson's disease and ischemic heart disease to the list of ailments associated with Agent Orange.

There are a total of 15 presumed illnesses related to Agent Orange exposure now recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Creek Nation co-hosting forest conference with U.S. Forest Service

TULSA - "To Bridge A Gap," a conference on U.S. forests and federally-recognized tribes, is set for March 29 through April 1 in Tulsa.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, in collaboration with the U.S. Forest Service, is hosting the conference. The conference is designed to strengthen the government-to-government relationship between the U.S. Forest Service and tribal governments.

The conference will be at the Southern Hills Marriott Hotel.

Topics will include global positioning systems and ground penetrating radar, tribal consultation best practices, tribal-Forest Service collaborative programs, the Archaeological Resources Protection Act and vandalism issues, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, tribal environmental programs and issues, and National Tribal Historic Preservation Program updates.

The guest speaker will be Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians.

For more information and registration forms, contact Joyce Bear, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, at (918) 732-7731, or Johnnie Jacobs at (918) 732-7835 or johnniej@muscogeenation-nsn.gov



SHOW OFF YOUR PRIDE AND JOY!

We want to feature your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc. in a special "Pride and Joy" section in our April issue of the *Chickasaw Times*. Please send a photo with your special child's name, age and guardian information. Include a note about why they are your "Pride and Joy!"

We need to receive these by **March 22, 2010**. Please send to: **The Chickasaw Times, c/o Pride and Joy, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.**

PLEASE SEND A PHOTO!
(NOT A PHOTO COPY)
(We will return if you provide us with a return address.)

Child's Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian (you can also include grandparents): _____

City/State: _____

This child (children) is my pride and joy because:
(include sheet of paper, if necessary)

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
January 15, 2010**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Holly Easterling called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She appointed Ms. Katie Case to serve as Secretary Pro Tempore in the absence of the Secretary.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling
Member absent: Linda Briggs
Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel, Eren Hatton, Administrative Aide
Guests present: Michael L. Wingo, Ashley Large, Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Mike Watson, Dana Lance, Robyn Elliott, Tony Choate, Darlene Cheadle

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - December 18, 2009
A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve the minutes of December 18, 2009.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling
12 yes votes
The motion to approve the minutes of December 18, 2009, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods
No report.
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs
No report.
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus
No report.
LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz
General Resolution Number 27-012, Natural Gas Pipeline Easement in Pittsburg County
This resolution authorizes and approves a natural gas pipeline easement to be granted to XTO Energy for the purpose of laying an underground natural gas pipeline. This easement would be located across land jointly owned by the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, known as the McAlester Watershed, located in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma. At this time, the land is wooded with no improvements. This easement would be for a term of twenty (20) years, and would cover 3564.01 feet or 216 rods. In exchange for the easement, XTO Energy has agreed to pay \$85.00 per rod, for a total payment of \$18,360.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation would receive \$4,590.00. This easement will only allow XTO Energy to install an underground pipeline; there will be no above ground appurtenances. This easement was approved by the Choctaw Nation Tribal Council on September 12, 2009.
A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR27-012.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie

Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling
12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR27-012 carried unanimously.
Mr. Woerz concluded his report.
EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green
No report.
HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Connie Barker
No report.
HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert
No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)
Chairperson Easterling made announcements of upcoming events.
Mr. Mike Watson made comments regarding the election services and transportation services.
Chairperson Easterling presented Recording Secretary Doretta Sellers with a Pendleton for 25 years of service.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:13 a.m.
Respectfully submitted, Katie Case, Secretary Pro Tempore Chickasaw Tribal Legislature
Respectfully submitted: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole February 16, 2010 Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling Absent: David Woerz Education Committee February 8, 2010 Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Shana Hammond, Holly Easterling Election Rules & Regulation Ad Hoc Committee February 8, 2010 Present: Steve Woods, Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Holly Easterling Absent: Tim Colbert Finance Committee February 16, 2010 Present: Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling Absent: David Woerz	Health Care Committee February 8, 2010 Present: Connie Barker, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Holly Easterling Human Resources Committee February 8, 2010 Present: Dean McManus, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Scott Colbert, David Woerz, Holly Easterling Land Development Committee February 8, 2010 Present: David Woerz, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling Legislative Committee February 8, 2010 Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Connie Barker, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott Absent: Tim Colbert, Shana Hammond
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FEBRUARY 2010 RESOLUTIONS

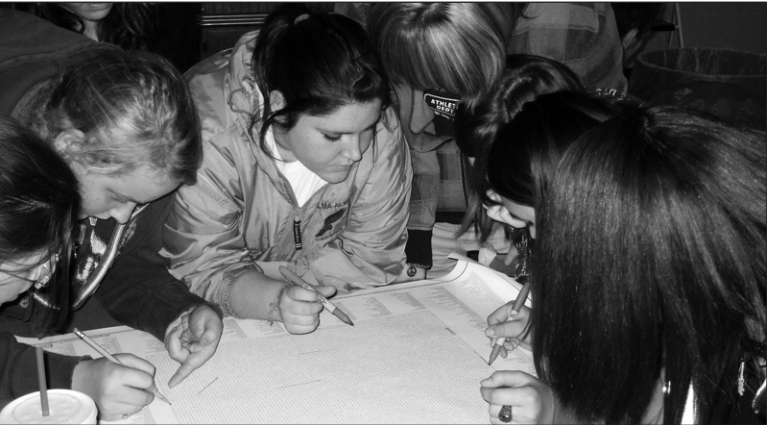
**General Resolution 27-013
Gubernatorial Reappointment to the Board of Directors
Of RSE Enterprises, Inc.
Mr. Tim Colbert**
Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Tim Colbert to the Board of Directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc. Mr. Colbert will fill a three-year term ending on October 1, 2012.
Presented by: Human Resources Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling
Abstain: Tim Colbert
Absent: Scott Colbert

**General Resolution Number 27-014
Support of the Indian Land Consolidation Program**
Explanation: This resolution supports the Indian Land Consolidation Program of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office of the BIA will receive funds through the Cobell Settlement which will be used by the Indian Land Consolidation Program to purchase undivided fractional interest from trust and restricted allotments within the Eastern Area. This will benefit the Chickasaw Nation by increasing the Nation's land base.
Presented by: Land Development Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling
Absent: Scott Colbert

**General Resolution Number 27-015
Formal Congratulations to Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel
As the New President of the National Congress of American Indians**
Explanation: This resolution recognizes that NCAI has placed Chickasaw Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel in a position of high honor, not only for himself but also for the Chickasaw Nation. It also grants Lt. Governor Keel the support of the Chickasaw Nation and congratulates him for his current success.
Presented by: Legislative Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling
Absent: Scott Colbert

**Permanent Resolution Number 27-002
Amendments to Title 8, Chapter 3 Section 8-303 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Holidays)**
Explanation: This resolution amends Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code to allow for the closing of voter registration if such date falls on a federal or tribal holiday. For example, in this years election, July 5, 2010, is the day designated for the closing of voter registration and that day is a tribal holiday. If this resolution is enacted, the date for the closing of voter registration would become July 6, 2010.
Presented By: Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee
Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling
Absent: Scott Colbert

Upward Bound students study details of career selection



Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students participate in a team building activity while attending the college and career fair.

On January 23, Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound hosted its first college and career fair. The fair was held on the campus of Murray State College and 82 students were in attendance. The Chickasaw Nation Career Services' staff, Darrell Walker and Angela Woods, conducted Dress for Success and Oklahoma Career Information System workshops. The students learned information that will enable them to make a good impression during interviews.

Students also completed an interest inventory. This exercise helped the students explore careers that matched their personal interests. After the students completed the inventory they formulated a cost-of-living budget. They were able to differentiate between living in a large home compared to a small apartment. The students also began a resume that they can continue to build as their experience and achievements increase.

Murray State College hosted a tour of Aggie Suites. The students were allowed to see where the students of Murray State College (MSC) live and had the opportunity to visit with students about living at MSC. Susan Branch, MSC Outreach Coordinator, conducted the tour.

Murray State College, East Central University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Vatterotte College, Northeastern A & M Laboratory Technology, the Art Institute of Dallas, and the University of Central Oklahoma offered the students literature and information about their respective

institutions. Student Support Services let the students know TRIO programs extended beyond Upward Bound.

The Chickasaw Foundation's booth offered the students valuable information about their scholarships. These

awards are made possible through generous donations from people in the community and tribal employees.

Tracie Carter attended the fair on behalf of the Chickasaw Foundation.

Chickasaw poetry volume 'Big Hatchie' now available online

A Chickasaw writer has recently published a book of poems based on the lives of Chickasaws living in the homelands area in the early 1800s.

"Tales of Big Hatchie" is authored by Joyce Billingsby.

The book is available through www.authorhouse.com for \$8.30 plus shipping.

Students interested in health careers can apply now for Patty Iron Cloud Youth Initiative

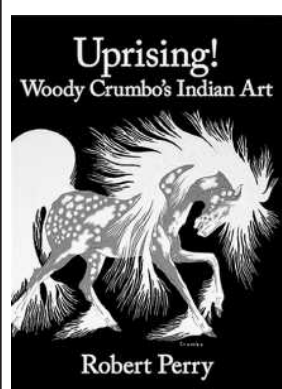
Chickasaw and other Native students ages 16 to 18 interested in health care or biomedical research can now apply for a summer youth initiative.

The Association of American Indian Physicians is accepting applications for the 13th Annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative. The event will be

hosted by George Washington University in Washington, D.C., June 19 through 27.

Native high school students selected for the initiative will receive scholarships that cover airfare, lodging and most meals during the event.

To apply go to aaip.org Application deadline is April 16, 2010.



Uprising! Woody Crumbo's Indian Art

Booksigning by Robert Perry, author of Uprising! Woody Crumbo's Indian Art, is scheduled for 12 p.m. - 2 p.m., Sunday, March 7, 2010 at the Heard Museum, Phoenix, Ariz.

A Chickasaw Press book about a famous artist!

the Chickasaw Nation

2010

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May 7, 2010
June 4, 2010
July 23, 2010
August 27, 2010
8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.

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2009-2010 Tribal Legislature

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Rubylee M. Berryhill



Rubylee M. Berryhill, 80, of Okmulgee, Okla., died Jan. 31, 2010 at Tulsa. Funeral services were Feb. 5, 2010 at Sandy Baptist Church, Sulphur, Okla., with Rev. Randy Baptiste officiating.

Mrs. Berryhill was born Oct. 21, 1929 to Gilbert and Caroline Leader Sealy at Ryan, Okla.

She worked as a ward clerk at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital until her retirement in 1987.

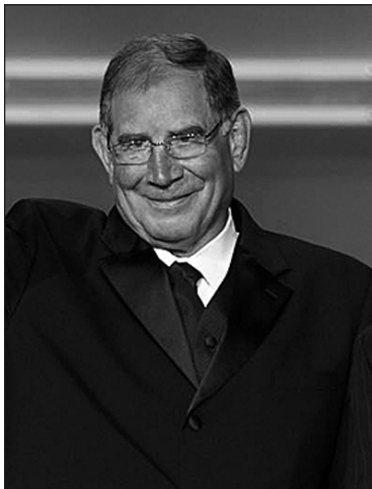
She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Anderson Joseph Berryhill; a son, Bryan Anthony Berryhill; three brothers; and three sisters.

She is survived by two daughters, Carolyn Gonzalez and husband, Carlos, of Houston, and Vicki Obregon, of Tulsa; three granddaughters, Katrina Long and husband, Jeremy, of Bixby, Okla., Fatima Lara, and Carolina Zapata, both of Tulsa; a grandson, Adrian Gonzales, of Houston; a great-granddaughter, Elisabeth Bingham, of Tulsa; and a great-grandson, Colton Long, of Bixby.

Pallbearers were Jeremy Long, Carlos Gonzalez, Adrian Gonzalez, Billy Martin, Jr., Weldon Fulsom and Roberto Zapata.

Condolences may be made at mcclendon-winters.com

Freddie Joe "Jack" Brisco



Freddie Joe "Jack" Brisco, 68, died Feb. 1, 2010. He was born Sept. 21, 1941 to Iona Moore Brisco.

His ashes will be scattered at Wolf (OK) Cemetery alongside his mother.

Mr. Brisco and his brother, Jerry, were inducted into the World Wrestling Entertainment Hall of Fame in 2008. The brothers, who grew up in Blackwell, Okla., won the world tag team title in 1983.

After retiring from professional wrestling, Mr. Brisco and his brother, Jerry, opened an auto body shop.

Mr. Brisco won three high school wrestling state championships and an NCAA National Championship while at Oklahoma State University.

He joined professional wrestling at Tampa, Florida in the late 1960s. He won three heavyweight regional belts and the National Wrestling Alliance's world title in 1973.

Mr. Brisco is survived by his wife, Jan; brothers, Gerald, Bill and Gene; sisters, Sharon and Shirley; daughters, Debbie and Jennifer; and a son, Barry.

Mollie Mae Burns Dillingham



Mollie Mae Burns Dillingham died Jan. 28, 2010. Graveside services were conducted by Smith/Parks Funeral Home, Harrah, Okla. Burial took place in McMillan (OK) Cemetery.

Mrs. Dillingham was born April 26, 1912 at McMillan, Okla., to Charles Ambrose Burns and Mollie Pickens Burns. Her father was of Scottish heritage and was superintendent of the Oklahoma Bureau of Criminal Investigations and a U.S. Marshall where he headed up the breakup of some of the most notorious gangs of horse thieves and the famed Cook and Cherokee Hills gangs of bank and train robbers. He was also in charge of the search for Pretty Boy Floyd famed Oklahoma outlaw of the time. Her mother was a Chickasaw original enrollee, in 1906.

She had seven siblings, Annie, born 1895; Charlie Francis, born 1897; Eli Pickens, born 1900; Mattie Bell, born 1902; Robert Joseph, born 1905; Albert Thompson, born 1907; and Cleo Lacy, born 1914.

Mrs. Dillingham was the great-granddaughter of Edmund Pickens (OK Chan Tubby) the first elected chief of the Chickasaw tribe and granddaughter of I-Hunter Pickens clan leader and warrior. She was very proud of her Chickasaw heritage.

Mrs. Dillingham grew up in McMillan and attended McMillan School until the sixth grade. The rest of her school days were at boarding school. She attended Bloomfield, Ardmore, Okla., and ninth grade at Washington, Okla. She attended and graduated from Haskell Institute at Lawrence, Kan. She then took a post grad-

uate course.

She married Leonard "Salty" Dillingham Dec. 31, 1934.

Their first child Cleora Lea was born Oct. 7, 1938. Their son Oscar Leon was born Feb. 1, 1940.

They have four grandchildren, Dana Diann Dillingham Black, Leonard Matthew Dillingham, Dylan Leon Dillingham and Jim Lee Dillingham.

Mrs. Dillingham had many hobbies. She loved to garden, cook, sew, crochet and knit. She loved to travel with her husband, especially to see her grandchildren. She attended many Chickasaw activities and loved going to her alumni get-togethers to be with old school friends. She also danced with the Chickasaw/Choctaw dance club along with her husband and several family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Mollie; her husband, Leonard "Salty" Dillingham; sisters and brothers, Annie, Charlie, Eli, Mattie, Robert, Albert and Cleo.

She is survived by her daughter Cleora Lea, of Honolulu; son Leon and his wife, Janis, of Harrah, Okla.; granddaughter Dana, and her husband, Chip Black, of Harrah; grandsons Matthew, and wife, Kyra Dillingham, of Norman, Okla., Dylan Dillingham, of Newalla, Okla., Jim Dillingham, of Fort Worth; and great-grandchildren, Amber Wooten and husband, Josh, Dustin Miller, Christen Black, Cody Black, Isabella Dillingham, Kael Dillingham; and great-great-grandchildren, Mason Wooten, Ayden Wooten, Addalynn Wooten, Sky Miller, Cameron Black, Amber Tsoulis, Keagan Black; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

She will be buried next to the love of her life, her soul mate, Salty Dillingham.

Her body may be gone but her spirit will live on through all the beautiful memories she left with us.

Letter to Editor

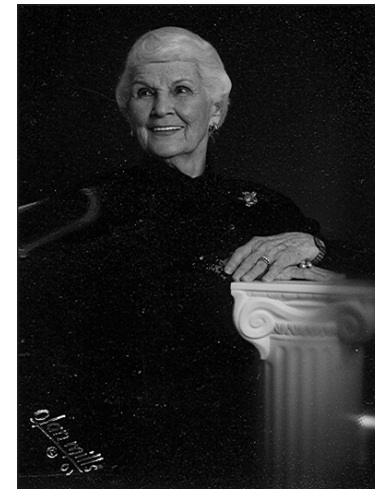
To the Editor:

I was looking at the obituaries in *the Chickasaw Times* (February 2010) and was sorry to see the name, Dee Wells.

We met Dee a few years ago at Kullihoma. Every year after we met him he would always seem to make a point to say Hello to us.

I didn't know him that well

Elsie Jones Lehman



Elsie Jones Lehman, 93, died Dec. 22, 2009 at her home in Houston. Graveside services were Dec. 23, 2009 at Floral Haven Cemetery, Tulsa, with Rev. Tom Harrison officiating.

Mrs. Lehman was born Dec. 20, 1916 at Madill, Okla., to Fred B. and Cora Maude Jones. Her maternal grandmother, Martha Moore Archerd, was an original Chickasaw enrollee.

She married Clayton J. Lehman, August 1, 1937 at Durant, Okla.

She was an elegant, caring lady and very proud of her Chickasaw heritage. She and her sweet smile and twinkling eyes will be greatly missed by her loving family.

She was preceded in death by sisters, Doris Jones Markham and Maxine Jones Pate.

She is survived by a sister, Martha Sullivan, of Durant; a brother, Fred B. Jones, of Ardmore; two grandchildren, Robin Corley and husband, Scott, and Holly Scoular and husband, George; five great-grandchildren, Kenneth and Corey Stearns, and Mirren, Corinne and Iain Scoular.

but he always seemed like a happy person.

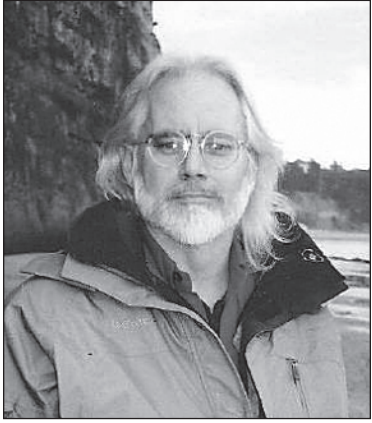
We also met his daughter from Texas. She was like her dad and always came up to us to say Hello.

We will miss Dee's happy smile at Kullihoma.

Rest in peace friend.

June Sellers and family
Shawnee, Okla

Michael Lang



Michael Lang died Oct. 16, 2007 at his home after a brief illness. He was surrounded by family, loved ones and friends.

Services were Oct. 20, 2007 at La Felize Room at the Seymour Discovery Center.

Mr. Lang was born June 7, 1958 at Sacramento, Calif., and spent his childhood in Lisle, Ill.

He studied photography, receiving a BFA from San Francisco Art Institute in 1987 and an MFA from San Jose State University in 1990. He was a popular and creative photography instructor for several years.

In 1997 he began to work to solve the problem of how to help children with autism, developing nutritional supplements that assist autistic children and children with attention deficit disorders in their

recovery. He lectured internationally on autism and the impact of nutritional support in the complex biochemical processes involved in autism. He was unflagging in his efforts to provide hope to families and to expand the frontiers of what is possible in recovering children from autism. He founded BrainChild Nutritionals in 1999 which continues this important work.

He is survived by his parents, James and June Lang, of Sacramento; his siblings, Jim Lang, of Sacramento, Corinna Lang, of Cobdon, Ill., and June Ba, of Oakton, Va.; his children, Nicole and Justin, of Santa Cruz, Calif.; a nephew, Walter Lang, of Sacramento; nieces, Lynda Ba, of Dowington, Penn., and Sarah Ba of Oakton; his partner, Lisa Akeson, of Santa Cruz; and his former wife, Suzanne Lang, of Santa Cruz.

Mr. Lang loved his children deeply. They were the center of his life. He was a kind, considerate and caring man who had a wonderful sense of humor, loved music, photography, poetry, astronomy and many other things of beauty.

Hazel Lillie McManis



Hazel Lillie McManis, 79, died Feb. 13, 2010 at Oklahoma City. Services were Feb. 18, 2010 at Indian Mission Pentecostal of God.

She was born Oct. 18, 1930 at Ada, Okla., to Salan Wilson and Catherine Frazier Wilson.

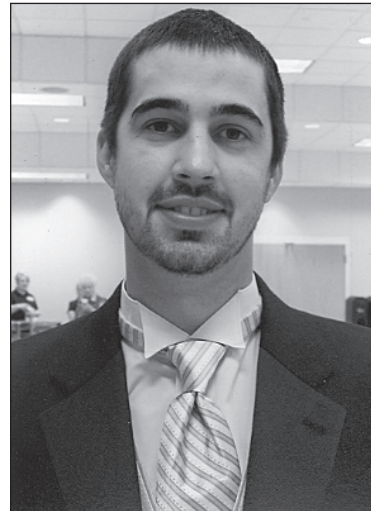
Mrs. McManis enjoyed going to thrift stores, garage sales and going to parties.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and a sister.

She is survived by a daughter, Linda Willingham and husband, Harley, of Oklahoma City; five grandchildren, Larry Powers and wife, Paula, of Oklahoma City, Randell Gifford and wife, Julia, of Edmond,

Okla., Phillip Gifford and wife, Linda, of Norman, Okla., Alicia Gifford, of Norman, Debra Gofforth and husband, Jonathan, of Midwest City, Okla.; 12 great-grandchildren, Christie, Tonya, Jackie, Laura, Lawrence, Blake Malorie, Rachel, John Tyler, Kara, and Elizabeth; nine great-great-grandchildren, Kelsey, Gracelyn, Alex, Andrew, Ava, Braxton, Abigale, Shalyn and Shayna.

Matthew Robert Wasson



Matthew Robert Wasson died Nov. 21, 2009. He was born Jan. 17, 1982.

He is survived by his daughter, Christine Elizabeth, and her mother, Justine Whipkey; his mother, Kristi Green-Ruddle;

father, David Wasson and wife, Fran; siblings, Deana Wilbanks, Christopher Wasson and Rachel Knapik; nieces, Bonnie Knapik, Annabelle Knapik and Ashley Wilbanks.

Words cannot express the sadness my family feels from the loss of our beloved. He lived his final days in Dahlonaga, Georgia, where he lived a ferocious life with no regrets.

He was the light in our life and will continue to shine in our hearts forever.

As you went to sleep that night filled with thoughts of tomorrow's promises. You didn't expect to see crying faces. Loved ones moving in and out not leaving any traces. Broken hearts filled your eyes and what you heard were only cries. Struggling to find a place to rest. All the while putting our family through the ultimate test. We are left with what ifs and doubt. Some lowered their heads while others screamed and shout. Memories are seeping in our thoughts. No moment gone by like air twisting through us pleading for you to be caught. Stories now are being swapped. Your energy for life never being stopped. We gather our hands now and lift you up. Prayers wrapped softly around you till you reach the top. It's time to let go to move into the light. For we praise the day we meet again hand in hand, arms clasped tight.

Dream of owning your own home? Need to Refinance? Want to make Home Improvements?



CHUKA CHUKMASI is a secondary market home loan for Chickasaw Citizens and Chickasaw Nation Employees. The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development (CNDHTD) can help you with the financing as well as the down payment and closing costs. Through the Chuka Chukmasi home loan program, we offer Conventional, HUD 184, FHA and VA loans anywhere in the continental United States.

REFINANCING: Did you know CNDHTD can loan up to 90% of the appraised value on your home? Closing costs may be rolled into the loan, if the appraisal is high enough. Appraisal fee must be paid up front.

NEW CONSTRUCTION LOANS: Are you interested in building? If you have been approved for your 30 year permanent financing through Chuka Chukmasi, CNDHTD can provide an interim construction loan for you to build your home. Interim construction is available only in the State of Oklahoma. The interest rate is 5% and the term 6-9 months. During the construction phase, you will be required to make monthly interest payments on drawn borrowed funds. You will pay minimal closing costs on the construction loan at closing. Please call for further information.

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOANS: Do you want to make needed improvements? CNDHTD may be the answer. Maximum loan amount is \$30,000.00. The interest rate is fixed at 5% and maximum term is 10 years. You must be able to qualify for the loan, must have fee simple title and cannot already have a 2nd mortgage on the home. Home must be your primary residence. You must pay closing costs at closing. This loan is available only in the State of Oklahoma. Work must be completed by a contractor. Call for additional details.

GRANT FUNDS: Do you need help with down payment and closing costs? Chickasaw citizens may receive up to \$3,000.00 to assist with down payment and/or closing costs when purchasing a home. You must be pre-approved thru the **Chuka Chukmasi** home loan program at CNDHTD for your financing. Refinances are not eligible to receive these funds. This is a one time grant. Call for more information.

EMPLOYER ASSISTED HOUSING: Employees of the Chickasaw Nation are eligible to apply for the **Chuka Chukmasi** home loan program thru CNDHTD. You must be pre-approved for your permanent financing through the Chuka Chukmasi home loan program. Employees may receive down payment and/or closing cost assistance in the form of a second mortgage loan.

COUNSELING: Did you know that you can receive assistance with credit counseling, credit report clean-up, budgeting, loss mitigation and early delinquency intervention? Do you want to purchase a home but you know there are credit issues that might preclude you from purchasing right now? Did you know that we have a full time counselor who can work directly with you, one-on-one, to help you become mortgage ready? Maybe your credit is ok, but you just can't seem to save enough money to get started with the process and need help with goal setting and personal budgeting. Please call **Kyra Childers** at (580) 421-8817 and let her help you now.

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